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## Argentina's Low Wheat Estimate Sends Prices Up

Buenos Ayres Government Says Crops About 143,000,000 Bushels; Closing Prices at Winnipeg To-day \$1.40½ to \$1.47½ a Bushel; Prices on Other Markets Rise.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The same move that subtracted from the estimate of Argentina's wheat yield to-day added to the price of wheat on the Winnipeg grain market—and on all other important markets as well. The South American republic's official estimate placed the crop at 143,000,000 bushels—about 40,000,000 below the average private guess—and Winnipeg wheat jumped five to four and three-quarter cents a bushel.

Closing values to-day were: December, \$1.40½; May, \$1.46½ to \$1.47½, and July \$1.47½.

In the opening minutes this forenoon the Winnipeg market vaulted more than six cents. The advance came when Liverpool, Buenos Ayres and Chicago jumped as well. According to the Buenos Ayres estimate, a surplus of only 36,000,000 bushels will result from the low yield.

### SEABOARD BUYS

Considerable buying for foreign account, as well as short covering, was evidenced in the first hour of so. Overnight reports indicated all offerings had been snapped up at the seaboard. Fit trade was unaccountably active for a pre-holiday season, especially in the early portion. The marketstead sank more than a cent below the tops for the day.

### GAINS AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Sensationally low estimates of the exportable surplus of Argentina's wheat harvest stimulated heavy buying of wheat here to-day and values mounted nearly six cents a bushel, closing at net gains of 4½ to 5 cents for the short season.

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## PLANE IS USED AS AMBULANCE IN ALBERTA

Pilot "Punch" Dickins Transports Three Men From North to Edmonton

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—C. H. "Punch" Dickins, Western Canada Airways pilot, was a visitor in Edmonton from the north to-day.

His presence here for Christmas is a result of his having brought his plane from McMurray yesterday on an "errand of mercy." His passengers, northland residents in need of medical aid, were Dick Dawson, mining engineer, suffering from an appendicitis attack; L. H. Forrest, a mine employee, who recently sustained a serious eye injury in an accident; and Fred Jones, who had his hand crushed while working on a drill.

During the last year Pilot Dickins has transported a number of persons to hospitals from remote regions.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES HELD IN ANCIENT BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem, Dec. 24.—Church fathers to-day solemnly made preparations for the celebration of Christmas Day, thankful that disorders which a few weeks ago left a bloody trail over the Holy Land had ceased.

The Latin Patriarch, accompanied by his clergy and escorted by mounted police, came to Bethlehem.

The trip was made by motor, a great change from the olden days when the Patriarch preceded his prelates mounted on a charger. In medieval days the Patriarch's retinue was an imposing affair with knights, pilgrims and religious and lay dignitaries.

To-night the Patriarch, with his suite and congregation, will proceed to the old Franciscan convent, just north

## GREAT BRITAIN SAFEGUARDING DUTIES TO END

Snowden Tells Commons Levies Will Not Be Renewed at Expiry

Views of Liberals in House Support Labor Ministry on the Issue

London, Dec. 24.—Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House this afternoon the Government would renew none of the Conservative "safeguarding" import duties after their expiration. He added that the McKenna silk and sugar duties would be repealed at the earliest practicable opportunity.

Mr. Snowden said the Government would decide when the time was ripe for such action and declared he would make a further statement before the April budget came up.

Mr. Snowden's announcement was a direct blow by Labor at the Conservative "protectionist" policies. The Liberals have disclaimed criminal connection with Ervin's activities in the Mining Corporation of America, one of their alleged projects.

## VANCOUVER MAN HURT BY CARS

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Caught on the devil strip between two street cars on Granville Street here between Robson and Smythe Streets, S. Brown, aged forty-two, suffered injuries to his face and shoulders and a fracture of the jaw at 11:30 last night and to-day is in St. Paul's Hospital, where his condition is reported as fair.

**\$13,000 Expected To Be Recovered For U.S. Investors**

Spokane, Dec. 24.—Deputy County Prosecutor O. A. Colvin says Walter Kurtz, arrested on grand larceny and fraud charges at Vancouver, B.C., will turn state's evidence against H. E. Ervin, his alleged partner.

Kurtz was accused with Ervin in mining and always promotions. Ervin pleaded guilty and was sent to prison. Colvin said that with Kurtz's assistance some \$13,000 might be recovered for investors in schemes of the prisoners.

Only the grove of the birth may be visited by the Catholics during the midnight mass, and at the given moment the Patriarch, with the congregation following him, will descend to the grove, where he will read the Christmas message.

of the Church of the Nativity, for the midnight pontifical mass.

SERVICE IN CONVENT

## CITY BETWEEN FIRES IN BUS LINE DISPUTE

Veterans' Sightseeing & Transportation Company Asks New Deal

Operators of Blue Line Services Say City Has Authority to Control

The City Council referred the bus line tangle to its legal department, at a brief regular session held yesterday afternoon. Mayor Anselm and the aldermen received a delegation on behalf of the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company Limited, headed by E. H. M. Foot, and a further communication from F. Philip, Deputy Minister of Public Works. But, apart from a reference to the city solicitor of all matters relating to the bus dispute, no action was taken.

In his letter to the council, the Deputy Minister of Public Works stated an application had been received by the department from the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company Limited, operators of the Blue Line buses, for leave to add additional routes to the Hamilton route. There had been no complaints against the Blue Line buses on this route, and in so far as the department was concerned, there would be no objection to the issuance of the certificates sought, it stated.

### POWERLESS TO INTERFERE

The city had been advised by its solicitor that it had no power to interfere in the matter, and the letter should be received and filed, said Alderman J. L. Mara.

Alderman William Marchant doubted if that was the right course to pursue. As he understood it, the city had no authority to intervene in regard to the Hamilton route, and the Veterans' company, for leave to add additional routes to the Hamilton route. If they wished, stated Mayor Anselm, it would only be fair to acknowledge the Deputy Minister's letter and say that the city had no objection to the issuance of additional certificates to the Blue Line operators, interposed Alderman Strath.

The city's opinion had never been sought before in bus matters, commented Alderman R. A. C. Deser. The letter was filed.

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## RAILWAY NORTH FROM PEACE IS NOW PREDICTED

Col. J. K. Cornwall, Veteran Northerner, Says Country Will Be Opened Up

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—Construction of a railway line from Peace River to Great Slave Lake is predicted by Colonel J. K. Cornwall, veteran northerner, who paid a flying visit to Edmonton on his way to spend the Christmas holidays in Victoria.

"Northern development can not be halted," he said. "The region is one of the richest in the world and its development will really begin when adequate railway transportation is provided."

### LITTLE JOE



A TRAIN NEEDS A LOCOMOTIVE, EVEN THOUGH THE FREIGHT MAKES THE CARGO.

## WORLD PEACE HOPES ARE APPROPRIATE THOUGHTS IN YULETIDE MESSAGES

The appropriate wish that next year may see further steps made towards an assurance of permanent world peace pervades Christmas messages secured by The Times for publication to-day. As Christmas brings to mind the closing of the year 1929, the writers recall that Canadians can enter upon their Christmas festivities with light hearts after a prosperous year with a year of promise ahead. Messages received by The Times to-day follow:

### LIEUT.-GOVERNOR BRUCE

"It gives me much pleasure to accept your invitation to send, through your columns, a message of Christmas Greetings to the people of British Columbia. 'Peace on earth and good-will toward men' has ever been the dominant note for the Christmas season. It is a happy augury for the future, that never before have the peoples of this earth been so stirred and moved to a genuine desire towards universal peace. The year 1930 gives promise of becoming a milestone in history, for even now, the representa-

tives of five nations are gathering for the momentous London Conference, a conference fraught with far-reaching destinies, involving the hope and happiness of this war-torn world. Statesmen do but interpret the will of their people, and so, for the sake of the children of our day, and of the generations yet to come, let our hearts go forth in sympathy for and support of those who are so earnestly working for the peace of mankind. We have but to look around to realize that in war, the victor suffers equally with the vanquished, which in the light of modern civilization, shows the futility of this age-old method of settling international disputes.

"We in this Province, by our thoughts and deeds, can help forward the day when—  
"The common sense of most, 'Shall hold a fretful realm in awe, 'And the kindly earth shall slumber 'Lapp'd in Universal Law.'"  
"It is only by raising our eyes that we can hope to achieve those high ideals, taught by Him, whose birth we now celebrate.  
"I wish you one and all a Happy Christmas."  
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## U.S. Asks Soviet To Aid Eielson Search

Washington, Dec. 24.—A direct request to the Soviet Government for aid in rescuing Pilot Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Richard, his mechanic, United States citizens, lost for six weeks on the ice off the northeastern coast of Siberia, has been made by Chairman Borah of the Senate foreign relations committee.

Washington, Dec. 24 (By Associated Press Staff Writer).—The United States Government has appealed unofficially but directly to the Soviet Government of Russia to rescue Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Richard, two United States aviators, who disappeared off the bleak northeastern Siberian coast six weeks ago while flying to the ice-bound for ship Nansen.

The Soviet, whose icebreakers smashed their way through the Arctic ice to rescue members of the crew of the dirigible Italia two years ago in one of the thrilling chapters of the heroic history of the northland, was asked by Secretary Wilbur through the Soviet news agency to send rescue parties from two ships it has in the vicinity.

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## CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER WELCOMES HOLLY FROM CITY

A gift box of holly from Victoria and the surrounding area, sent by Mayor Anselm to Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, on behalf of the citizens of Victoria, received a warm acknowledgment in the following terms to-day: "I thank you very warmly for the box of Christmas holly just received with Laurier House and which brought with them many happy remembrances of my recent visit to Victoria. Please accept for yourself and the citizens of Victoria my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

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## PARIS IS CITY OF LIGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Paris, Dec. 24. (By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent).—The city of lights glows this Yuletide with its old enchantment. Lights along the quays, red, blue, green and white cut long shining furrows in the Seine.

The statues of the Tuilleries Gardens shiver under a faint covering of snow. Fountains on the Place de la Concorde splash dimly in the twilight.

Night falls as by a magician's wand a new city glitters above the old. At first the eye is dazzled by myriads of hovering colors, by rivers of light falling with mad prodigality. Lights rush together—and one is in the land of fairy tales. A golden fireplace of gigantic size. Two persons emerge with

## ARREST OF MAN FOLLOWS QUICKLY AFTER ROBBERING OF BANK IN VANCOUVER

Manager and Teller Held Up at Point of Revolver and \$1,500 Taken; In Less Than an Hour Police Surround House Four Blocks Away and Make Prisoner; Cash Recovered; Gun Thrown Away.



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WILBUR

Police of the Ontario Border Cities Kind To Christmas Visitors

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Police of Canadian cities across the Detroit River have been instructed to follow a "Golden Rule" policy toward visiting celebrities who may become more or less helpless but refrain from unruliness between now and January 2.

The policy on ordinary days in the border cities is to arrest on charges of drunkenness those whose condition attracts the attention of policemen. For the next ten days, however, the police chiefs of Windsor, Walkerville, East Windsor, Sandwich and Riversdale have instructed their men to be more lenient.

### MOODY'S TRAVEL

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 24.—Frederick S. Moody Jr. and his bride, the former Miss Helen Villa, went to the temple of matrimony at the Hotel Biltmore here to-day. It was understood they expected to leave to-day for Los Angeles. They were married yesterday at Berkeley.

### CAROL SINGING IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE TO-NIGHT

It will be a memorable scene in Parliament Square to-night, when, after the Christmas Eve custom of carol singing will be revived as part of the Yuletide festivities here. At the conclusion of the concert at the Empress Hotel to-night the participants in that event will proceed to the steps of the Parliament Buildings, where Lieutenant-Governor Bruce will lead the singing of the Christmas carols.

All the public buildings fronting on the Canaway will be outlined with colored electric lights and with half a dozen five Christmas trees glowing in the darkness, the ambulatory will present a scene in fairyland.

The singing will commence at 11 o'clock with Handel's "Messiah," directed by music in the Yuletide company, as conductor.

Three thousand programmes of the music to be sung will be distributed and it is expected that fully that number of citizens will be present to take part in the community singing.

## BANK BRANCH IN VANCOUVER IS ROBBED

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Two armed men held up the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at the corner of Fifteenth Avenue and Oak Street here early this afternoon, scooped up all the ready money in the teller's cage and made good their escape. The amount taken was not immediately ascertained.

### JUMPED COUNTER

The man entered the bank, jumped over the counter and quickly covered Broddy and Cornish, who were alone with a revolver.

"Stick 'em up," was the terse command of the bandit, as he forced the two men to the wall and then rushed into the teller's cage and scooped up all available cash.

"Is there any in that vault?" he asked.

Mr. Broddy assured the bandit there was not; in any event the man who had the combination was out, he said.

With a curse the man backed out of the door and disappeared.

Broddy and Cornish immediately gave the alarm, but the bandit had sufficient time to make his getaway.

### NEW PLANE FACTORY

Mexico City, Dec. 24.—The first commercial aeroplane factory in Mexico, which will employ 200 men and is scheduled to turn out an aeroplane a day, was opened to-day in the presence of President Porfirio Gil, former President Plutarco Elias Calles, Secretary of War Amaro and the entire military air force.

The factory is owned by General Juan F. Azcarate, chief of military aviation, and will manufacture aeroplanes of a type named for him, ten of which already are in use in the Mexican army. The factory eventually will represent an investment of \$1,000,000.

## Man Tries To Murder Argentina Chief, Slays Chauffeur and Is Killed

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—An attempt was made to assassinate President Yrigoyen of Argentina here to-day. Three shots were fired at him, but he was not hurt.

The President's chauffeur was killed. The police commissioner of the city was seriously wounded before the assassin was shot by one of the President's bodyguards.

The man was immediately executed. The attempt was made close to the President's own house.

## COMMONS IN LONDON WILL SEE CONTEST

As Recess Begins Indications Are For Sharp Divisions in January

London, Dec. 24.—Reuter's lobby correspondent says the fact that the House of Commons will continue to sit until early this evening reflects an atmosphere of active hostility in which the members will separate for the three-week Christmas-New Year recess. The opposition had complained it had not been given a single opportunity to choose a subject for general opposition. Their chief whip declared the opposition members were quite prepared to sit at Christmas Eve in order to obtain their rights.

The Government responded by taking them at their word and, instead of adjourning last Friday, the House was made to sit Monday to discuss matters concerning Egypt and to-day to debate questions of finance and possibly the Singapore naval base.

MANY QUESTIONS

Not having wished to sit Christmas week, the opposition attempted to hit back by putting down questions for to-day for nearly every Minister, even being credited with an intention to

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Less than an hour after he had held up and robbed the Robson and Hornby Street branch of the Dominion Bank here, a man giving his name as Frank Burlew, twenty-nine, of Vancouver, was captured by police after he had taken refuge in a house about four blocks from the scene of the hold-up. Police also recovered the stolen money, estimated at \$1,500.

Burlew made no attempt at resistance when police surrounded the house and had thrown away his revolver. The hold-up was carried out shortly after 10 this morning, when F. M. Broddy, manager, and E. C. Cornish, teller, were in the bank.

### SENTENCES SUSPENDED AT CHRISTMAS

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Christmas came early yesterday for five criminals who entered the United States illegally and who were each sentenced to a year in jail and then had their sentences suspended.

But Judge Jeremiah Netter was not so easy on Keith Brown and Virgil Lavigne, caught smuggling liquor from Canada. Brown, who said he had a wife and two children in Vancouver, was sentenced to thirteen months. Lavigne was sentenced to six months in the Whatcom County jail for aiding Brown.

The five whose sentences were suspended were Viggo Soren Lauritzen Jensen, Christian Rasmussen, Joseph Henry Roy, Edward Eustace and John Harrison.

## CHRISTMAS TREES TO-DAY IN LONDON, ONTARIO, \$12 APIECE

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Christmas trees on the market here soared to unheard-of prices to-day, selling as high as \$12 each, with buyers scrambling for them. Trees that sold at \$1.50 were scarcely two feet high. Turkeys stiffened in price and Ontario birds sold at about forty cents a pound. The western variety sold as low as thirty cents a pound.



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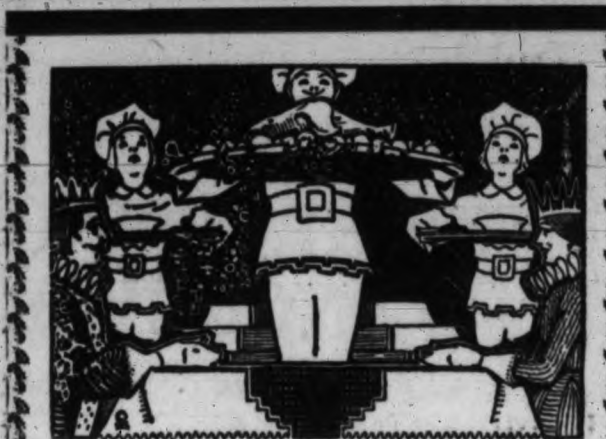
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## MINER KILLED AT LADYSMITH

(Special to The Times)

Ladysmith, Dec. 24.—While at work in No. 1 mine at Ladysmith on Monday afternoon Alex Veau, aged fifty, was instantly killed.

Venus was trapped under a cave-in, which came without warning.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and family residing in Ladysmith.

## U.S. ASKS SOVIET TO AID EILSON SEARCH

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The Interior Department head, whose action followed an urgent appeal from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, famous Canadian Arctic explorer, florer, also instructed Governor Parks of Alaska to appeal directly to the captain of the icebreaker *Elihu* and *Stratford*, the two ships in the vicinity where Eilson and his mechanic were last seen.

The State Department, informed of the proposal to appeal directly to the two ships, made no objections, nor did it make a decision on the message sent directly to Moscow, since Secretary Wilbur did not submit it for a ruling.

EFFORTS FAILED

"We made every effort to rescue the

men from United States territory," Secretary Wilbur said. "Bad weather and the lack of craft adapted for use in the far north frustrated our efforts. With human life at stake, especially the lives of brave men, we have asked the Russians to assist us."

Eilson and Borland had a month's rations apiece when they took off from Fairbanks for North Cape, Siberia, where the *Nanuk* is held in the ice. The plane was reported from two Russian villages sixty or seventy miles east of the fur ship, but it did not land near the vessel.

Three planes equipped for such flights were one by one smashed up as they attempted to go to the rescue, due to heavy cargoes of gasoline and unusually heavy weather.

In his appeal to Secretary Wilbur, Stefansson said hope for rescue from the Alaska side of Bering Strait was dim.

Stefansson pointed out that when the *discovery* Italia crashed with Noble and his crew, the Italian Government successfully requested Russian aid.

Eilson and Borland were now down within actual Russian territory, Stefansson said, "and the Soviet undoubtedly would make similar efforts if similarly approached."

LACK PLANES

The Interior Department asked both the army and navy to assist in the hunt for Eilson soon after he was lost, but was informed the two air services had no craft available for flying in the far north.

## NANAIMO COUNCIL DISCUSSES PLANS FOR CITY MANAGER

Dallas Square Controversy Ends When Council Refuses Permit to A. C. Wilson

(Special to The Times)  
Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—Plans for a city manager for Nanaimo again came up for discussion at the council meeting here last night when Alderman Ironside addressed the body at considerable length in favor of the project.

The council resolved itself into a committee to consider the by-law regarding this question and reported progress at the end of the meeting.

The controversy regarding the Dallas Square location by A. C. Wilson, florist, was brought to a close last night, when the council refused to permit him to use this public space.

Controversy over the use of the square location had been continued for ten weeks. Opinions both for and against were voiced during the meeting.

## LEADERS IN INDIA URGING REFORM PLAN

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It seeks a doubling of the present electorate immediately and recommends compulsory enfranchisement of the whole adult population by 1931. Abolition of communal electorates is further recommended, except in case of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and depressed classes.

Regarding the central government, the committee proposes that all matters except those dealing with the defence of India and with foreign relations should be transferred to the control of ministers responsible to the Legislature.

LOANS AND RECRUITING

The committee recommends the India Office transfer to the Government of India powers to raise loans and recruit services. The Secretary of State for India in the British Government should be assisted by two Indian under-secretaries, at least one of whom should sit in Parliament, it states.

A final recommendation calls for the establishment in India of a military college and a supreme court.

## ARGENTINA'S LOW WHEAT ESTIMATE SENDS UP PRICES

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Closing prices, were: December wheat, \$1.25; March, \$1.21; May, \$1.35; and July, \$1.36, to 1/2.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The prairies applauded to-day as wheat prices jumped ahead following an unexpected low Government estimate of Argentina's wheat yield. The drastic cut in the official figure is strong backing for the wheat pool's watchful, waiting policy.

The prairie farmers, with grain yet unsold, see higher prices in the offing, and a large section of the grain trade is waiting now for a general rise in values.

Actually the Argentine Government figure is some 44,000,000 bushels less than the Wheat Pool's last announced figure of 187,000,000 bushels. In a recent statement, George McEvoy, general sales manager of the Pool, announced the organization's estimate that only some 52,000,000 bushels remained to be shipped from Argentina up to the end of July, 1930—a big reduction from last year's figure.

WILL EXPORT CARRY-OVER

Considering the Government as correct, the Pool's figure for the exportable Argentine surplus up to next August would be cut to a measly 8,000,000 bushels. However, it is virtually certain the carry-over, placed in the Pool's figures at the five-year average of 72,000,000 bushels, will be sacrificed and shipped almost entirely.

LOWEST IN YEARS

"Should the Argentine Government crop estimate be borne out by later threshing returns, it will mean a very substantial decrease in the quantity of grain available for export from that country," commented Mr. McEvoy of the Wheat Pool to-day. "Domestic requirements for seed and flour in Argentina are estimated at about 80,000,000 bushels. Unless there is a drastic reduction in the Argentine carry-over next season, the quantity available for shipment will be the lowest in many years."

It is not unanimously accepted, however, that the Government report is necessarily an exact estimate of the situation. Traders in grain point out that only one estimate from Argentina for a Winnipeg firm approached the low level of the official figure. The ultra low private estimate, forwarded to the Norris Grain Company from its

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

H. H. Lively, chronometer specialist, 312-3 Pemberton Building

Visit the Burns Studio for Christmas photos. Moody Block, 1304 Broad Street.

Yes, the Royal Dairy Limited will be delivering ice cream on Christmas Day. Any extract or crushed fruit flavor, including the delicious new "Plum Pudding." Orders taken until 6 o'clock, December 24. Phone 188, 707 View Street.

Children's fancy dress ball, Empress Hotel, December 27. Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E. Tickets \$1. Spencer's music department, Hibben's Owl Drug, Empress Hotel.

Suitable Christmas Gift—"Pioneer Women of Vancouver Island," published by Women's Canadian Club, on sale at all book stores.

Holley's Restaurant, 622 Fort Street, will serve a special \$1.25 dinner Christmas Day from noon to 8:30; table reservations, phone 2319.

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Argentine representative, was slightly higher than the Government report.

MARKET ATTITUDE  
Winnipeg grain trade men are copious, too, of the fact that Liverpool considers the Argentine Government statement exaggerated. They believe it not impossible that the sudden jump of 4 to 6% price a hundred at Liverpool may be followed at the next opening by almost as drastic a decline, depending on the moves in other markets meanwhile. Trade opinions, however, are necessarily divided, since some dealers favor a market decline, while others are bullish for the advance.

## Nanaimo People Will Celebrate Golden Wedding

(Special to The Times)

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Randle will receive friends on Thursday, December 26, the occasion being the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Special invitations are being issued for the evening.

## NANAIMO NOTES

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—The Women's Auxiliary of the local Catholic Church closed two months of strenuous endeavor to raise funds to assist St. Ann's Convent on Saturday. A drawing for an automobile raised approximately \$1,300, the lucky winner being E. C. Gibson, Commercial Street, with ticket No. 565, which was drawn by little Norren Meredith of Wellington.

Through the generosity of Mrs. J. Phidock of Calgary and Mike Goodman of the Capitol Theatre, the Nanaimo Nurses' Home is to be equipped with a radio on Christmas morning. Mrs. Phidock was the winner of the \$100 prize at the Capitol on Friday, and on Saturday wired from Calgary to use this sum for the nurses' home. Mr. Goodman is supplying the balance of the money needed to purchase the radio.

The Bastion Chapter of the I.O.D.E. is holding a children's dance on Friday night. Prizes will be awarded to four lucky boys and girls and Santa Claus will be at the party to dispense ice cream and goodies to the young folk, music being supplied by Harold Gard's orchestra.

The weather man dashed the hopes of Nanaimo football fans to witness the opening of the Bagatin Cup series for the mid-island championship.

Park Rangers and Lady Smith were to have met on the Central sports grounds here, but a continuous downpour of rain which started early Sunday morning led to a last-minute cancellation of this match, which was the first round of the Bagatin Cup series.

The pupils of the Grant Mine School at Ladysmith gave an interesting concert on Thursday last to a large audience, including many folk from Nanaimo and Nanooke. The pupils were under the direction of Miss A. D. Rowan, who was highly congratulated at the close of the evening for her untiring and efficient efforts of making such a success of the Christmas school closing.

Miss Armstrong and Miss Wilds Fox left for Alberta, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harding have left for Vancouver, where they will enjoy the holidays with their son, Albert Harding.

Miss Katie Temple is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Temple, Vancouver.

## COMMONS IN LONDON WILL SEE CONTEST

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move an amendment to the recess motion. This would bring a division and compel the Government to have all its members in attendance.

This is the lighter side of what is, in fact, a sharp division between the Government and opposition parties. The Liberals are separating for the recess in no mood toward Labor. Their stiff attitude on the Coal Mines Bill persists despite the statement of Right Hon. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, who assured an early arrival at the committee stage following the Christmas recess and promised the introduction of amalgamation schemes, the establishment of a Consumers' Council, and the protection of consumers and the general public in the matter of retail prices.

The official Liberal reply to this is already known to be an expression of dissatisfaction with what is regarded as the vagueness of these promises.

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Thus, when Parliament reassembles in January, a keen political battle may be expected. The Labor Government represents Conservative obstructive tactics, and is annoyed with the Liberals for their action on the coal bill.

The Liberals, on the other hand, do not accept Labor criticism declaring they tried to co-operate behind the scenes and had their proposals rejected. The Conservatives, of course, have nothing to lose either way, and will closely follow the principle that the duty of an opposition is to oppose.

## CITY BETWEEN FIRES IN BUS LINE DISPUTE

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Previous to the opening of the council meeting, the Blue Line delegation was received. Mr. Foot was its spokesman, and rehearsed the history of the dispute up to the present period. In summarizing the situation, Mr. Foot argued that as the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company had pioneered the Haultain route, they should be kept in undisputed possession of the route, the traffic on which would not permit of effective service if competition was allowed.

ASSERTS CITY HAS POWER

The city had already taken advantage of its general powers of traffic regulation, arising out of the city's private-act, to declare the B.C.E.R. Company Limited was to have the undisputed rights over the Fort Street route, with the elimination of parts of Fort and Douglas Streets in so far as the Blue Line was concerned, continued Mr. Foot.

It was but fair and reasonable that, having exercised the right in one instance, the city should preserve an even-handed attitude in regard to the Haultain route, said counsel. The city, he submitted, had not only the right to limit bus services, but could also fix routes, and prohibit routes, as it had already done. The action of the B.C.E.R. Company Limited in entering the Haultain bus field had been one of retaliation, he asserted.

CREATED MONOPOLY

In respect to the Fort Street service, the city, contended Mr. Foot, had created a monopoly in favor of the B.C.E.R. Company Limited, with the only difference between the two services being that one was on rails. The corporation had an inherent right to govern all traffic, and the council was under a duty to the citizens as a whole

to be impartial, which, speaking for himself and the delegation, counsel was sure would prove to be the case. Since December 9, he said in closing, the city had seen fit to bar the Blue Line operating on Fort Street, and had created a monopoly in favor of the rail traction company.

AGREEMENT IN 1920

Mayor Ansonb.—This council has created no monopoly. Whatever was done along that line was done by agreement between the city and the B.C.E.R. in the year 1920.

Mr. Foot—I submit that is not so. I refer to what the council did two weeks ago. And the city's legal department now says the city has no right to prohibit bus service.

Mayor Ansonb.—It is a different case. The action of 1920 was by agreement with the B.C.E.R. in respect to jitney competition. I am not going to argue with you, for this is going to the legal department. We have not discriminated against anyone.

Mr. Foot.—If the city sees fit to deal with one class of transportation, why cannot it deal with another? If it is right to take action in one case, it must be right to take it in the other.

Mayor Ansonb.—Well, thank you for coming, Mr. Foot. This will be referred to the legal department.

FOR LEGAL OPINION

Alderman Marchant.—It seems largely an interpretation of the law.

Mayor Ansonb.—I feel that way about it.

Alderman R. A. C. Dewar.—As a matter of fact, Mr. Foot, the B.C.E.R. are not interfering any more with Haultain than the Veterans' Sightseeing Company interfered with the B.C.E.R. in Oak Bay, where they ran on parallel lines.

Mr. Foot.—The B.C.E.R. was given every chance to enter the Oak Bay service, and elected not to do so. They have adopted a dog-in-the-manger attitude since.

Mr. Dewar.—The B.C.E.R. has been in the transportation business for twenty-five years. You cannot expect them to lay down to that.

Mr. Foot.—It is the duty of the council to protect the citizens as a whole, and not only the rights of the B.C.E.R. Mr. Marchant.—This is a large and vital question, affecting the citizens of Victoria as a whole. The two companies are fighting at long range, and I cannot help but think they would do better by getting together.

Mr. Foot.—As you say, it has many difficulties, and it is like dynamite, almost, to play with. Still, there are our submissions, and we ask for an impartial revision of the facts.

The delegation was thanked, and then withdrew. Mr. Foot was supported by officers of the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company Limited and other interested parties.

## WORLD PEACE HOPES ARE APPROPRIATE THOUGHTS IN YULE- TIDE MESSAGES

(Continued From Page 1)

HON. J. H. KING  
Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Pensions and National Health:

"The year 1929 may truly be termed 'the peace year.' Since the termination of the World War conscientious and sincere efforts have been made, during each successive year, to formulate a plan whereby the peace of the world may be secured and the menacing and fearsome sound of the war drum forever silenced. To this end the statesmen of the nations of the world have been devoting their utmost endeavors, and at no time has greater progress in that direction been made than during the present year."

"When Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain, came to America recently he brought a message of world peace, of common confidence and mutual understanding of spiritual accord among the nations. This mission of Premier MacDonald is only a symbol of the universal desire for harmony."

"Canada has enjoyed a year of exceptional prosperity, and, as we sit around our firesides at this Christmas time, happy in the blessings that have been vouchsafed to us by a Divine Providence, the message given to us by the Redeemer many centuries ago strikes us with fuller significance. Peace on earth, good will toward men."

"It is my fervent and heartfelt wish that the people of British Columbia, and of Canada, may enjoy a happy Christmas and that the year 1930 may be one of contentment, prosperity and peace."

PREMIER TOLMIE  
"As another decade in our history draws to a close it is with pleasure that, on behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I wish all our people a Merry Christmas. For the enjoyment of the season in all its varieties no Province is more blessed than ours. In our interior and northern valleys it comes with the frost and snow, dear to the hearts of so many of our people, and here on the coast it descends in gentler mood. Nor surely is any country better fitted by Nature for the season's celebration, when the very mountain sides are decked with Christmas trees and the holly and ivy in the gardens impart a touch of old England, with all its associated ideas of Christmas giving and jollity."

"It is a season that combines thankfulness for the past with kindness for

the present and hope for the future. No people have greater reason than those of British Columbia to be grateful for this closing year. Our mines have yielded their treasures as never before; from our forests has been drawn the largest harvest on record, and our fields have been fruitful. Nor has the year been marred by any special or grave disaster."

"In memory of all these blessings, may our hands be opened and our hearts be warmed by the message of peace and goodwill which the season brings."

MAYOR ANSONB  
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## MEDICAL MEN OF BRITAIN TO VISIT CANADA

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Leaders in the world of medicine will gather on Canadian soil when the ninety-eighth annual congress of that great medical body, the British Medical Association, is held in Winnipeg in August, 1930.

In the century's history of the association, this is only the third time it has come to Canada. The other occasions were in 1867, when it convened at Montreal, and in 1896 at Toronto.

Canadian medical men, who extended the invitation to the British association will make every effort to see the deliberations of the great organization, in conjunction with the Canadian Medical Association, are conducted on the same high and dignified plane they are carried out in Great Britain, when physicians and surgeons are annually presented by some of the greatest physicians and surgeons in the world.

It is expected the attendance at the Winnipeg sessions will be in the neighborhood of 2,000, comprising medical men from all parts of the Empire and visitors from the United States. The local headquarters will be in the Winter Club, where the two main floors will be used for commercial exhibits, and the ice floor for luncheon and mass gatherings and afternoon lectures by distinguished doctors.

Smaller sectional meetings will be held in the law courts and the university class rooms. A very outstanding occasion will be the religious service on the afternoon of the first day. Traditionally this is one of the most cherished features of association meetings, and is always conducted with the greatest dignity and ceremony, members parading in academic attire to the church.

Another important event will be the annual dinner open to physicians and their wives, which is one of the most imposing and brilliant features of the meeting. Academic dress is again worn and on this occasion some of the finest after-dinner orators of the Empire are to be heard.

It is hoped the Prince of Wales may be able to accept the invitation which has been sent him to visit Manitoba next August and open the meeting. The Governor-General and the Prime Minister are both expected to be present to participate in the most important event which, medically speaking, has ever taken place in Canada.

### California County Is Asked to Pay For Extradition

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The federal court here yesterday overruled a demurrer filed by Riverside County against the suit of Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C., Vancouver, B.C., attorney, who seeks to obtain \$3,044 he claims is due for services in extraditing Gordon Stewart Northcott, convicted boy slayer.

The county's action, which was lost before Federal Judge Paul McCormick, was a general demurrer to the complaint. The latter sets forth that in 1928 Maitland was retained by the county to aid in the extradition of a prisoner, who had been captured while fleeing by train and boat through the interior of British Columbia.

Northcott recently was given an extension of time by the California supreme court for filing briefs in his appeal from his death sentence.

### ONTARIO DEATH

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 24.—One of the last of the Chatham old-timers, Henry Smith, died yesterday at his home. Born January 15, 1841, he resided here all his life. He was elected mayor on five occasions.

## CENTENARIANS OF B.C. CHALLENGE UNUSUAL CENSUS

Kamloops, B.C., Dec. 24 (Canadian Press).—When the Centenarian Club of London, England, which has spent much time and money in taking a census of people of more than 100 years of age, recently declared the oldest living man in the world was aged 105 and lived in India, it was talking a lot of nonsense, in the opinion of Jim McIntosh, British Columbia's oldest resident.

Jim McIntosh is somewhat of an authority on longevity and has a right to challenge the Centenarian Club's statement, because he himself is 111 years old.

"I suppose these fellows tried hard to find the oldest man," said Mr. McIntosh, "but there isn't much excuse for them to mislead me. I haven't kept my age a secret."

The Centenarian Club, as a matter of fact, has fallen foul of several aged British Columbians, who claim in a good humored way that the club shows prejudice against the white race in selecting an East Indian for the honor of being the world's oldest man.

"Dad" Quick, Vancouver's celebrated citizen, recently passed his 100th birthday, and Solomon Mutch of Burnaby is nearly as old.

Dr. Ernest Maurice, widely-known London physician, who is president of the Centenarian Club, reported he had discovered twenty-five persons in the British Isles who were 100 years old or older, and that seemingly there was no one in the world who had attained the age of 110.

"Dr. Maurice should look to the west instead of the east next time he makes a census," declared Jim McIntosh.

### DEFAMERS SPREAD CHRISTMAS GLOOM

London, Dec. 24.—Just as certain as Christmas comes round again, there is the customary melancholy procession of defaming Christmas club secretaries. The procession leads either to the police court dock, or to the suicide's grave; in few instances it leads abroad.

Working people, who begin putting small amounts into a district Christmas club early in the year in the expectation of having the money returned to them for Christmas, are facing bitter disappointment in many instances. Already this year there have been at least a dozen prosecutions of club secretaries or treasurers, and at least half a dozen funerals of officials who took the easiest way out. The account is hardly completed.

Many Christmas clubs, on the other hand, are conducted for a number of years in a mammoth scale. One of these has just distributed \$300,000 to its members.

### Conditions in Canada Seen as Equaling 1928 Record, at Least

Toronto, Dec. 24.—It is generally conceded that the major factors in Canadian business life record as good if not better conditions than at the same date in 1928, while conditions, curtail their production in keeping with the season of the year, are stated, on the whole, to be operating at higher capacity than in December last year, says Macdonald.

In the hardware trade optimism is in the expression of most dealers with regard to business between now and the end of the year. Preparations have been made to handle a heavy buying movement in Christmas gifts, and it is the anticipation that moderately priced hardware gifts will sell even more widely than in 1928. The wintry weather being experienced from coast to coast is credited with stimulating early shopping, with the result that sales to date are higher in total than at the same time a year ago.

During the past two weeks, hardware dealers report heavy business in seasonal merchandise, including weather-strip, furnace accessories, shutoff valves, tire chains, snow shovels and sidewalk scrapers.

Reviewing business of the year many dealers claim material increases in their sales volume, and look forward to an active year in 1930.

The feature in the price situation is its steadiness. Practically no major changes have taken effect recently in hardware commodities.

### TWO PRESIDENTS AND WIVES IN SAME HOSPITAL

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—President-elect Pascual Ortiz Rubio of Mexico, a patient at the Johns Hopkins Hospital for eight days, left that institution with his wife yesterday for their suite in the Belvedere Hotel, where they will make their home until they leave Baltimore the day after Christmas for an official visit to Washington.

Before leaving the hospital Senator Rubio Ortiz and his wife, who also had undergone operation and resided at the hospital, visited President Horatio Vasquez of the Dominican Republic, who last week underwent an operation at the institution. Senora Vasquez, also a patient at the hospital, was brought to her husband's room and the four distinguished patients chatted for several minutes.

Dr. Ramon de Lara, personal physician to President Vasquez, said that if the president should continue his improvement, he would leave the hospital on next Monday or Tuesday.

BOY LOSES HIS LIFE  
Kamloops, Dec. 24.—Falling and striking his head against a stove, twelve-year-old Archibald Mettelle Watson died as a result of a broken neck yesterday afternoon before medical aid could reach him at the Grasswood Farm, near this city.

AUTO EXPORTS  
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Canada's exports of passenger automobiles fell off to \$598,108 in November. In October the total was \$1,033,567 and in November, 1928, it was \$902,574.

## POOL STAND VINDICATED BY RECENT NEWS

McIvor, General Manager,  
Pleased at Backing Given  
By United States

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The Canadian Wheat Pool has found new support for its "watchful waiting" policy in the report by the United States Department of Agriculture on wheat crops in Australia and Argentina, issued yesterday. The Washington estimate places the combined yield of the two countries at 200,000,000 bushels less than last year.

"The statement from Washington is indeed encouraging," commented George McIvor, general sales manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool. "It is the first time that an official United States Government report on the present situation has quoted actual figures indicating the drastically reduced exportable crop. And it is especially satisfying that the Washington statistics correspond so exactly with those of the Wheat Pool."

Since early in the crop season, when forecasts pointed to a reduced yield in Canada, the Wheat Pool has refused to export wheat at prices the organization considered too low. The Canadian co-operative body pointed to the fact that purchasers expected western farmers would be forced to dump their wheat on the market due to the heavy carry-over from the period 1928 yield. And the Pool insisted, and still insists that the world wheat situation justifies higher values than those ruling at present.

At Calgary, on November 30, Mr. McIvor quoted Argentina and Australian crop estimates at 210,000,000 bushels and 105,000,000 bushels respectively in his annual review of the wheat marketing year. Since that time, revised records at the Wheat Pool office have out the estimated Argentina yield to 187,000,000 bushels and that of Australia to 104,000,000 as a result of late cables from correspondents.

If carry-overs in the two countries are estimated at the five-year average, only 86,000,000 bushels remain to be exported from Argentina and Australia up to the end of July, 1930," stated Mr. McIvor. "The figure compares poorly with the total of 200,000,000 bushels shipped from Argentina and Australia between December 12, 1928, and July 31, 1929. Moreover, carry-overs will undoubtedly be less than the average, due to the fact that world importers, we estimate, require 770,000,000 bushels during the current crop year—while, on basis of average carry-over, only 680,000,000 bushels of wheat will be available for export."

The statement from Washington that the crops for the two countries (Argentina and Australia) probably will be less than 300,000,000 bushels as compared with 500,000,000 bushels harvested last year, tallied with Wheat Pool estimates. The Canadian farmers' organization figures the Argentine crop at 187,000,000 bushels and the Australian at 104,000,000 bushels—a total of 291,000,000. This compares with the Pool's report of the previous year's crops as: Argentina, 330,000,000; Australia, 159,000,000. Total 489,000,000 bushels.

It is pointed out at Wheat Pool headquarters that Washington's figures parallel those of the Pool when the United States Government report states: "Surpluses for export and carry-over in the two countries are estimated at about 190,000,000 bushels less than last year." The Wheat Pool's figures would indicate with the five-year average as the estimate, carry-over, that the surplus for export and carry-over would amount to 180,000,000 bushels less than last year.

Total of available export and carry-over for the two countries, according to Wheat Pool figures, is placed at 289,000,000 bushels (Argentina, 199,000,000; Australia, 90,000,000). Last year's surplus for export, was 280,000,000 bushels. Total export and carry-over, 489,000,000 bushels (Argentina, 320,000,000; Australia, 147,000,000).

In arriving at 199,000,000 bushels as the available export and carry-over for Argentina, the Wheat Pool adds the estimated available export, 127,000,000 bushels to the estimated carry-over (five-year average), 72,000,000 bushels. The available export estimate used is figured as follows for Argentina:

Bushels	
Carry-over, end July, 1929.....	100,000,000
Estimated new crop.....	187,000,000
Total available.....	287,000,000
Domestic requirements.....	83,000,000
Est. carry-over (average).....	72,000,000
Total retained.....	160,000,000
Available minus retained.....	127,000,000

Similarly, to place Australia's available export and carry-over at 90,000,000 bushels, the Wheat Pool combines the estimated available export, 53,000,000 bushels, the estimated carry-over (five-year average), 37,000,000 bushels. The estimated available export is obtained as follows for Australia:

Bushels	
Carry-over, end July, 1929.....	35,000,000
Estimated new crop.....	104,000,000
Total available.....	140,000,000
Domestic requirements.....	50,000,000
Est. carry-over (average).....	37,000,000
Total retained.....	87,000,000
Available minus retained.....	53,000,000

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## VANCOUVER ISLAND NEWS

### Ladysmith

Ladysmith, Dec. 24.—The pupils of the Ladysmith High School held their annual Christmas dance Friday night in the Foresters' Hall. The first part of the evening was spent in playing whist, the prizes being won by Miss Lillian Joyce and Maurice De Clarke.

After the games refreshments were served, followed by dancing.

Miss Millie Clark of Duncan spent the week-end here before leaving for Cumberland, where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Dora Mason, Miss Olive Davenport, Miss Daisy Winstanley and Miss Nora Necombe, students at the Normal School, Victoria, are spending the holidays here with their parents.

A. J. Lennox of De Rouché, B.C., is spending a holiday here, the guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Constable and Mrs. G. R. Lennox.

### NANAIMO NOTES

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—The Women's Auxiliary of Brechin treated the children to a Santa Claus feast Friday. The classrooms were decorated in appropriate style, and gifts and sweets were distributed by Santa. The drawings were won by Mrs. Peet, Fourth Avenue, Townsville, and Mrs. Groth, Brechin.

The many friends of Richard C. Winkelman here are pleased to learn of his success in his examinations for a "mate's certificate" and "tobacco master" in Victoria.

Hubert Dendoff of the Welding Shop and Auto Spring Works, Nanaimo and Vancouver, arrived in Nanaimo Friday for a couple of days' stay in connection with his operations here. Miss Goldie Adirum of Lubbock Square left Friday afternoon on a visit to friends on the mainland.

The Five Acres Ladies' Guild, St. Paul's Mission, elected officers for the year 1930 as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Spurling, Mrs. Joseph Randle; president, Mrs. J. M. Brown; vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Elliott; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Bennett (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. James Alkenhead; executive committee, Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. J. Kneen.

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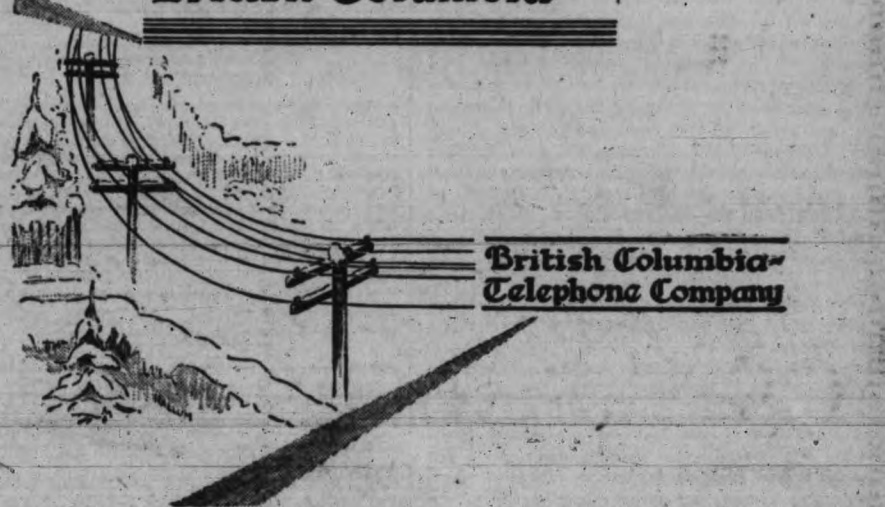
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## THE MODERN MIRACLE

**MIRACLES DO NOT HAPPEN THESE** days—at least not very often. We put our faith in things that we can handle and understand and diagram. A matter-of-fact and sceptical age has stopped looking for marvels, and for that reason it does not see any.

But, for all that, we still have one miracle left, that even the most case-hardened of us can experience. Every year, when Christmas comes, we can transform ourselves from what we are into what we would like to be.

Christmas—though the glittering shop windows sometimes lead us to forget it—is more than a day on which we exchange gifts, eat hearty dinners and speak cordially to strangers. It is a celebration of the story the world has always known. And, as we celebrate it, we unconsciously absorb something of the reflection of that miracle and that story and become better men and women than we knew we were.

The world twenty centuries ago was not a very refined or civilized place. The southern fringes of Europe, Asia Minor and the north of Africa were under the dominion of Rome. Beyond, in all directions, stretched barbarism. The world's stock of hope was not large.

But into the world came something new—a hope and a promise. Before the eyes of those who would trouble to look there was raised a new vision: a vision that showed mankind proceeding along an ever-mounting road, that showed men, not as blind strugglers in a losing fight with a hostile creation, but as glorious sons of light rising to claim an everlasting heritage.

That vision is still with us. On Christmas day, as we reread the old story of the little town, the star in the sky, the wondering shepherds, the devout wise men of the east and the caroling angels, we realize, once more, the full significance of it.

And that works a miracle within us. For the moment we are lifted out of our daily shells of caution, reserve, fear and suspicion. We get a glimpse of the deathless nobility of all human lives, and it transforms us. We can greet the strangers all about us as we are meant to greet them—as brothers and sisters. We forget to be jealous, resentful, suspicious, cold. We become what we have always wished we might become.

The transformation does not endure. A few days after Christmas we go back to our old ways, and the stranger in a crowd is merely someone to elbow out of the way and not an immortal spirit clothed in the miracle of human flesh. But some residue lingers in our hearts. Bit by bit, over long years and centuries, it builds up an accretion of faith, good will and hope.

So we may take courage. Each Christmas leaves us a little better than it found us. Each year, as the tiny lights blaze out on the little green trees, the race moves a little bit closer to the ideals for which we should strive.

## A SOUND ARRANGEMENT

**THERE SEEMS TO BE A GENERAL** opinion that the people of Alberta and Manitoba will be satisfied with the terms upon which their natural resources are to be turned over to them by the Dominion. The Manitoba Free Press thinks Premier Anderson played "his dissentient role at Ottawa ungraciously," returning to Saskatchewan with no agreement, but with his grievance intact.

The friendly understanding reached between Alberta and Manitoba on the one hand, and the Dominion government on the other, for the transfer of the natural resources to these provinces, says The Free Press, makes very conspicuous Saskatchewan's refusal to accept a settlement upon the same terms. It is being suggested, however, that the people of that province, viewing the situation anew in the light of the action of Manitoba and Alberta, may come to the conclusion that the settlement might as well be made unanimous. The arrangement made with Alberta, which we are reminded, is available to Saskatchewan, goes far beyond the settlement for which the Saskatchewan Legislature is on record as having asked, and The Manitoba Free Press comments: "The Anderson government might well consider whether it would not be well to join with the other provinces in putting this difficulty behind it, and embarking with them upon parallel policies of development and advancement. The Anderson government is, in this matter, a prisoner to elements in its following which have accepted, in the spirit of childlike faith, the extremist views as to the legal rights of the province; it is possible that, despite a desire on its part not to appear unreasonable, it may not be able to free itself from this control. In that event there is nothing for it but litigation, which will postpone for some years the transfer of the resources to Saskatchewan."

As far as their relation to natural resources are concerned the circumstances of Alberta and Saskatchewan are identical; but the acceptance by one, and rejection by the other, of a settlement based upon the arrangement with Manitoba, cannot but direct public attention in both provinces to these divergent courses and invite discussions as to the

propriety of the decisions behind these divergencies. The difference, of course, is plain: Alberta holds that the accountability of the Dominion to it begins with the creation of the province in 1905; Saskatchewan's view is that at no time between 1870 and 1905 could the Dominion government deal with the natural resources except as a trustee for the province to be created later. In compensation for the alienation of public lands since 1905, Alberta is given the existing subsidy arrangement in perpetuity; and a commission is to be set up to determine whether this compensation is adequate. If not, a supplementary payment in the form of cash is to be made. Saskatchewan, wanting compensation over the longer period, asks for the appointment of a commission to determine the amount, subject to its award being appealable.

In the case of Alberta and Manitoba there now passes into history a long controversy which those provinces consider has retarded progress. They now are in possession of their natural resources and the attention of the public naturally will be trained upon questions of policy and administration.

## HISTORIC SITES ARE POPULAR

**CANADA'S HISTORIC SITES DREW** large numbers of visitors in 1929. These areas are not large enough to permit of camping but they form attractive objectives for motor travel and are helping to make the highways of Canada interesting both to Canadians and to motorists from across the line.

Places like Fort Anne, in Nova Scotia and Fort Beauséjour in New Brunswick, Fort Chambly and Fort Lennox, in Quebec, and Fort Wellington at Prescott, Ontario, for instance, had thousands of visitors during the past season. Registrations in these eastern parks showed a large number of entries from the prairie provinces and from our own province of British Columbia, indicating that the people of the west are now, by means of the motor car, mingling with the people of the east.

There is evident a growing desire on the part of Canadians to know their own country. This is undoubtedly a good thing for national unity. It is helping to enrich individual experience, and to increase national prosperity. As inducements to this form of travel the National Parks become increasingly important each year.

## "BIG BILL" LOSES

**CHICAGO DISPATCHES TELL US THAT** although King George never struck a blow during his two-year battle with Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson, he has been awarded victory by the decision of Judge Hugo Parn, who has ruled in Superior Court that the Mayor's dismissal of William McAndrew as superintendent of schools was unjustified.

It will be recalled that Mayor Thompson accused Mr. McAndrew of pro-British proclivities, that there existed a sinister design, in which King George in some extraordinary way had become involved, to undermine the loyalty to the United States of the school children of Chicago. "Big Bill" was careful at all times, of course, to avoid making any precise charge against McAndrew. But the bee was in his bonnet and it continued to buzz. McAndrew, in his opinion, was serving King George better than President Coolidge—or "Big Bill" himself—and that was sufficient to justify his action.

Impartial observers in the republic, perhaps better than anywhere else, knew that "Big Bill" was playing politics. Not a few well-known influential United States newspapers poked fun at him and suggested that he must have got his Georges mixed up—George V with George III.

One of these days William Hale Thompson may visit Great Britain and may meet King George. Whether he met the British monarch or not, however, he would be given a good time. He would see all he wanted to see, and very likely if he was reminded of the incident of two years ago he would say, "Well, you know, politics is politics, in your country as well as mine."

## WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

The 1911 slogan, "No Truck or Trade With the Yankees," has been expanded by Mr. Bennett. It is now "No Truck or Trade With the British or Anybody Else."—London Advertiser.

It is the small and inexperienced traders who are the last to go in and the first to get hurt, and who usually get hurt the hardest.—New York World.

Sneer as you will about the vaunted improvement of the movies, it has been almost a year now since we saw a photoplay of ancient Rome in which Julius Caesar was to be observed leaning against a telephone post.—Border Cities Star.

## INDIAN ILLITERACY

The Calcutta Enquirer

The forces of education in rural India—that is, in by far the greater part of India—have to contend with difficulties, economic, social, religious, communal and linguistic, more acute than those that confront any other system of primary instruction in the world. These problems, by the mere fact of their existence, would account for the slow progress of mass education. Rural illiteracy is one of the chief among many obstacles to precipitate any radical constitutional change in India.

## THE KING'S REPRESENTATIVES

The Capetown S. A. Review

There is the agitation that the next Governor-General should be a South African. There is no fault to be found with the idea provided that the right man can be found in the country. But surely this premature agitation is almost indecent while the Earl of Athlone is still in office. There is much to be said in favor of a South African occupying the highest post of honor the country can bestow. But the post requires very special qualifications, and these are not likely to be best cultivated in the political field. It follows, therefore, that the post of Governor-General should not be considered a reward for having been a good Nati, a good Sapi, or a good Lab. Political bias would be a positive vice in a Governor-General.

## A THOUGHT

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor.—Ezekiel vii 26.  
Mischief and malice grow on the same branch of the tree.—Aaron Hill.

## Loose Ends

So Christmas is here again—but Santa Claus does not come to many of us—and things are not what they used to be in the days of elephants, two-legged kangaroos and smuggling aunts.

By H. B. W.

**TOMORROW WILL** be Christmas and it is customary this Christmas Eve to say many nice, foolish things concerning the occasion. So much, indeed, has been said about Christmas in the last nineteen and a third centuries that it is quite impossible to say any new word about it. What is being said everywhere to-day is much older than the people who say it, and will be said again and again a long time after we have celebrated our last Christmas. Yet we keep saying these old things and we follow the old customs for we are strange, incalculable creatures and there is no reason or logic in us.

**IF** SOME superior beings on another planet are observing us, they must have ceased long ago to wonder at anything we do, but at Christmas surely they must find something every year to stir their curiosity. They will find us undergoing an amazing change at this season. They will find us, who have elbowed our way ruthlessly through the rest of the year, suddenly softening, as if by some violent chemical process, until, except for our exteriors, we are hardly recognizable at all. They will behold men who have battled their fellows, giving no quarter and asking none, for 360 days, making a friend of the whole world during the remaining five. They will find cranks grown jovial, cynics trusting, and all of us trying for one day to be children again. They must wonder, these observers from another world, why we do these things, or perhaps, if they are really superior, they don't wonder why we do them at Christmas, but why we don't do them the rest of the time.

**IF** THE distant watchers have a gift for looking past the surface of things, however, they will see much more than this. They will see that for most of us the jollity of Christmas is a brave show, that try as we will we cannot be children again; we cannot capture the old ecstasy. The spell is broken. Underneath it all Christmas is a season tinged with a little wistfulness, for the Christmas, of to-day can never be like the other days of Christmas we have known. Santa Claus for most of us comes no more. Though he still comes to the little folk as of old time, and with more glittering gifts than he ever brought to us, this is no real compensation. It only serves to show how far we have left the old times behind. If the observers on the other planet are very astute observers, indeed, they will see what we do not admit even among ourselves, that Christmas, for the majority, is an innocent conspiracy to keep alive the legend for those who happily have yet to learn of these things, to whom Christmas is still Christmas. It is fortunate, therefore, that we can, for a little while at least, forget that it is a conspiracy.

**BESIDES**, I am quite sure that the whole quality of Christmas is not what it used to be. As every generation undoubtedly had the same view, it is probably true that Christmas is not what it was and never has been. Even the toys to-day seem to have suffered a sad falling off from the toys of my day. Of course, I admit the superior workmanship, the marvels of miniature mechanics, the variety, so bewildering that in many households to-morrow the children will have a hard time to play with their presents because the grown-ups will be monopolizing them. I admit all that, but surely no one who has an ounce of loyalty to his own epoch will fail to proclaim the superiority of its toys.

**SANTA CLAUSE** at that time, I recall, had a peculiar weakness, at least in our neighborhood, for elephants of enormous size and unbelievable obesity which could never be rammed into the stockings (though you always borrowed your uncle's golf stockings, which were novel at that time and very large), and as a result, were always sticking out the top with one rear leg stuffed in precariously, when you rushed downstairs before the dawn. They were indestructible, too, these elephants, and would last several years, so that if Santa still favored such gifts next Christmas after a while you gathered quite a family of them, which continued to grow at the respectable rate of one annually, until their saddest insides leaked out and they became so thin and debilitated that they couldn't stand up.

**THE MECHANICS** of that day were rather crude compared with the electric trains and such things that you see to-day. The height of mechanical achievement in our neighborhood was a wooden Dutch windmill.

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which had a remarkable series of rollers inside. Their purpose was not quite clear, but we soon found that they would grind up a black beetle or a fuzzy caterpillar in no time. So successful were these operations that small boys from all around would come with insect offerings, all of which were well and truly ground up.

**YET**, I think in that uncivilized time, before we appreciated the wonders of machinery, simpler toys pleased us more. Best of all were the little animals carved by the wooden-legged old man down on the wharf, where the ferry boats ran across the St. Lawrence. With his penknife he could carve anything—lions (which never had any tails, because they would be sure to get broken off anyway); giraffes with thick necks for the same reason; wild bears which could almost grunt; kangaroos which only had two legs, for the old wooden-legged man down at the wharf had never seen one and had to work from imagination; camels with three humps, camels being rare then on the St. Lawrence; and all of us trying for one day to be children again. They must wonder, these observers from another world, why we do these things, or perhaps, if they are really superior, they don't wonder why we do them at Christmas, but why we don't do them the rest of the time.

**FROM** THE other side of the St. Lawrence, the American side, came other animals, smuggled over by dotting aunts in bags suspended from their waists and hidden beneath the ample folds of the skirts worn in those days. I estimate that the Canadian Customs were swindled out of hundreds of dollars of legal revenue every year by the smuggling operations of austere maiden ladies who never committed a sin in their lives, and counted it no crime to rob the national treasury in order to please a family of small boys at Christmas. For those were the days, mark you, when skirts which were skirts were worn by aunts who were aunts. They don't make such skirts, such aunts, such toys or such Christmasmas any more. Without them to-morrow we must just do the best we can.

## The Weather

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department

Victoria, Dec. 24.—5 a.m.—The barometer is abnormally low on the northern coast and unsettled mild weather continues over this Province. Milder weather is reported in the prairies.

**Reports**  
Victoria—Barometer, 29.99; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 8 miles S.E.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 39; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, .20; weather, cloudy.  
Roosevelt Point—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 24 miles S.E.; rain, 1.59; weather, raining.  
Tribune—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 46; wind, 16 miles S.; rain, .20; weather, raining.  
Omineca—Barometer, 29.16; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 20; wind, 8 miles S.; rain, .04; weather, cloudy.  
Seattle—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 48; wind, 12 miles S.; rain, .49; weather, raining.

Temperature  
Victoria ..... 49 Max. 44  
Vancouver ..... 47 Min. 44  
Seattle ..... 50

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

The Victoria Daily Times, December 24, 1904

Victoria, thanks to the advertising it has received in late years, is now known throughout the continent as the "evergreen city," and several other appellations, but there is no reason why, in addition to these, it should not bear the distinction of the "holly city" of America.

The fourth annual meeting of the Victoria Seafarers' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade Building, when officers were elected for the ensuing year and the old board of directors were reappointed. Last year Richard Hall, M.P.P., was president. At yesterday's meeting the honor was conferred upon R. Beesbrook, D. Bosworth, auditor; A. Langley, secretary, and Captain William Grant, manager.

Weather forecast—Victoria and vicinity: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

A short time ago a distinguished visitor was in the city in the person of Hon. Hugh Richardson, late senior judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, a position from which he retired a year ago, after a service of some twenty-seven years.

The Victoria Kennel Club no longer owes allegiance to the Western Kennel Association. It has been decided by local fanciers to sever all connection with the latter body.

The examiners who are at work on the papers of candidates who wrote on the recent High School entrance examination may complete their labors this evening.

## Christmas Bells

**HARK** to the ringing of the bells!  
Their chiming makes a merry noise,  
As though from throats aburst with joys,  
And what a message each one spells!

The words that thrilled the listening earth,  
That night the shepherds wondrous heard,  
And in their great amazement stirred  
By tidings of a Saviour's birth.

They sing them o'er and o'er again,  
And echoes send them on and on,  
Till girdling all the world they've gone,  
"Peace on the Earth; goodwill to men!"

To-day the bells do angels' work!  
They all repeat the angelic song;  
No fear of Death, no dread of Wrong,  
Can make them their grand duty shirk!

The loving Heart, the giving Hand,  
The infant's smile, the needy's thanks,  
The surge of Friendship's greeting ranks,  
Are fruits the Song brings to the laud.

So round the Earth God's Christmas goes,  
Proclaiming Love to lands remote,  
And everywhere the magic note  
Works magic in Life's plainer prose!

DONALD A. FRASER

Kamloops	36	34
Prince George	34	34
Revelstoke	42	42
Swift Current	40	10
Calgary	42	20
Edmonton	42	20
Grande Prairie	34	2
Regina	33	8
Winnipeg	38	3
Brandon	38	3
St. John	30	20
Halifax	25	25
Dawson	36	30

## NO BONUS ON PROFITS RULES SUPREME COURT

Ten Per Cent Commission Allowed on Collections Only in C. & C. Suit

Claims For Percentage of Profits and Under Other Heads Disallowed

At the close of the action of W. F. Winsby versus the C. & C. Taxi Service Limited in Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, judgment was rendered. Mr. Justice Murphy disallowed the plaintiff's claim for ten per cent commission on the profits made by the defendant company during his period of engagement. A claim for payment of one month's salary, in lieu of notice, was also unsuccessful. Judgment was awarded Mr. Winsby for ten per cent of the collections he had been instrumental in making.

A. A. Calwell was chief witness for the defendant firm, at the afternoon hearing yesterday. Mr. Calwell testified that he had been against the engagement of the plaintiff from the first, and had only yielded under pressure by his partner at that time, J. S. Cameron. Witness had finally agreed to engage Mr. Winsby to open a new set of books, but had consented only to payment at the rate of \$100 a month. The draft agreement penned by Mr. Winsby had never been accepted, continued Mr. Calwell. When the plaintiff was engaged the finances of the company were not in good order, but the company was not in difficulty by any means, continued Mr. Calwell. Witness had not regarded the services of the plaintiff as of benefit to the company, he affirmed. After closing arguments by D. S. Tait for the plaintiff, and H. G. S.

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emanates from the fertile brain of Frank Giolma, publicity writer of the Victoria and the Province B.C. He suggests that a great golden eagle with a wing spread of over six feet would make a delightful present for a lady this year. He fails to say whether as a substitute for a turkey or as a pet. Fred A. Drashin, P. O. Box 129, Knudsen, B. C. has the eagle and has written to the bureau saying he does not know what to do with it, hence Mr. Giolma's suggestion that someone buy it to give away as a Christmas present.

## NEW PLAN WILL PROVIDE WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

Edmonton, Dec. 24.—Provincial and civic authorities will co-operate to provide work for unemployed jobless men in Edmonton, with the province bearing the expense. This plan will be worked out as the result of a conference yesterday between Premier J. E. Brownlee and Mayor J. M. Douglas. Provincial police will register all unemployed in the city, after which the "out-of-work" will be employed by the city engineer's department in clearing underbrush. Tools will be provided, and in the case of suburban districts, transportation provided. The arrangement is intended purely as a relief measure to eliminate the "bread line." Unemployed married residents already are being accommodated.

Three special concerts at the Empress Hotel this season, January 23, March 28, April 17.

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## AT THE THEATRES

CHRISTMAS SHOWS  
TO-MORROW NIGHT  
AT THE COLISEUM

A large first night house last evening attended the Coliseum Theatre and witnessed the premiere presentation in Victoria of a four-act comedy farce entitled "For Crying Out Loud," superbly produced by the Coliseum stock players under the capable direction of Raymond "Toby" Leitch.

## DOMINION

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## Where To Go To-night

## THE SCREEN

Capitol—Virginia Vail in "The Isle of Lost Ships."

Columbia—"The Cohens and the Kellys in Atlantic City."

Dominion—Daphne Pollard in "Big Time."

## THE STAGE

Coliseum—The Coliseum Players in "For Crying Out Loud."

Playhouse—Harry Willis in Vaudeville and Stock.

Crystal Garden—Swimming and Dancing.

tion of Raymond "Toby" Leitch. The play is a most entertaining one and as the title suggests is full of uproarious fun and clever humor that last night succeeded in keeping the large audience in fits of laughter from beginning to end. To-morrow (Christmas Day) there will be two evening shows, one commencing at 7 o'clock and the second at 9 o'clock. The management of the theatre is making preparations to receive capacity houses.

This week's attraction is one of the finest that the players have been seen in since coming to Victoria. It is also their final presentation in Victoria, as a previous engagement, made before they came to Victoria, takes them away to another Pacific Coast city by the first of the year. The Players have been most popular during their sojourn in Victoria and have presented a number of really brilliant plays, one

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## Carols at Parliament Buildings

Following the suggestion of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a Concert of Community Carol Singing will be held on this Christmas Eve on the steps of Parliament Buildings, at 11 p.m. (weather permitting). His Honor has intimated his intention of being personally present. The singing will be led by Harold Rustace Key, musical director for the Festival.

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Stepin Fetchit, who was named for a race horse, recently decided to try his luck at the Tia Juana races. He chanced to visit the well-known Mexican track on the day that fourteen races were on the card and placed a modest wager on every event, but didn't cash one of them.

The horses were at the post for the fourteenth race and Stepin, with hundreds of others, was breathlessly awaiting the well-known cry "they're off."

Stepin, lastly turning to his companion, drawled: "Thase th' just call mah hoss has had to-day."

The horse the colored comedian bet on won the race and Stepin was jubilant, but his joy was turned to grief when he made the distressing discovery that he had lost his winning ticket.

The role of Eli, keeper of the scale, is entrusted to Stepin in "Big Time," a romantic all-talking Fox Movietone drama of back stage life playing at the Dominion Theatre to-day and Wednesday only.

Lee Tracy and Mae Clarke, well known Broadway stars are featured with Josephine Dunn, under Kenneth Hawks' direction.

POPULAR YOUNG  
STARS APPEAR IN  
CAPITOL PICTURE

Many a big film success has ushered into the cinema hall of fame half-a-dozen little-known players, but few screen hits have added so much to the fame of well-known actors as "The Isle of Lost Ships" has contributed to the renown of Virginia Vail and Jason Morris.

The First National-Vitaphone special, which opened yesterday at the Capitol Theatre for a three-day run, presents these popular young stars in an intriguing love story against the aerie, colorful background of the unexplored Sargasso Sea. Here, in a little colony of derelict humans living on an island of derelict ships, a startling drama is evolved.

"ROLLING ROAD"  
THRILLING STORY  
OF SEA ADVENTURE

Graham Cutts has made a thrilling picture from Boyd Cable's story, "The Rolling Road." A story of the sea always holds an interest and this Gainsborough picture gains rather than loses in its translation to the screen. All the characters are in capable hands. The virile characterization by Carlyle Blackwell and the winsome charm of Flora Le Breton give distinction to a picture which has the advantage of the "villainy" being contributed by Clifford Heatherley. Benson Kiere, and Cameron Carr. Marie Auld gives one of her splendid interpretations, being, as usual, effectively made up. Showing "The Rolling Road" all week at the Playhouse Theatre.

CONTEST WINNER  
GAINS RECOGNITION  
IN FILM WORLD

Universal Pictures Corporation staged a Summer Girl Contest at Atlantic City last summer in connection with the filming of "The Cohens and Kellys in Atlantic City," the farce-comedy, now being shown at the Columbia Theatre. The winner, Elsie Allen, an Atlantic City school girl received a six months' contract to appear in Universal Pictures and accompanied the film company back to California.

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of really good people who enjoy a

detective story, which may explain why

the daily press devotes so much space to

the reporting of sensational crime

Those who would like to make the

world over to suit themselves are prone

to exaggerate the actual space devoted to reports of crime. They just think of space because what is known as police news is so widely read. And a great many of those who would like to see the news of the world more rigidly censored in such matters usually revel in a good blood and thunder mystery story themselves. Next to reading one of Edgar Wallace's famous thrillers comes a good dramatization, such as was put on at the Royal Alexandra last evening when Gordon McLeod and a select company of English players opened a week's engagement of "The Ringer."

Those who have not read the book will possibly enjoy the play even more than those who are familiar with the ending. To know too well in advance just what is going to happen takes a little of the edge off the very dramatic denouement when the artful "Ringer," who has been before the audience in every act, is finally unmasked."

Seasonal Plays to Be  
Broadcast To-morrow

"By Starlight," a dramatic sketch

portraying the birth of the Christ

Child in Bethlehem, will be the first

of two sketches which will be heard

during the Christmas Day broadcast

of the Westinghouse Salute through

NBC System stations between 4.30 and

5 p.m., P.E.T.

The second sketch, "Some Counted

Blessings," will be enacted by Allyn

Joelyn, Josephine Hill, Virginia Gard-

ner and Humphrey Whitney.

This presentation will be released

on the Pacific Coast through NBC Sys-

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## KUMTUKS CLUB YULE LUNCHEON

Newly-formed Glee Club Sang  
Carols Yesterday; "Furnish  
New Clubrooms"

The Kumtuks Club held its Christmas luncheon yesterday at the private dining-room of David Spencer Limited, nearly fifty members being seated at the tables which were gaily decorated with miniature Christmas trees. The delightful programme arranged by Miss Howell included carols, "Silent Night," "Good King Wenceslas" and "The First Noel," by the Glee Club, led by Miss Alma Russell, with Miss Ellis at the piano.

Miss Mary Elroy sang several solos with much sweetness, and Miss Thompson of the Victoria School of Expression recited several amusing numbers which were much appreciated.

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Thanks to Dr. Miller and Dr. Keyes for medical attention, and Dr. C. B. Mess for dentistry.

## Y.W.C.A. Proving A Busy Centre

At the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Y.W.C.A., held on Friday, excellent reports from the different committees were received. The Travelers' Aid reported that 233 boats and trains were met and thirty-eight people assisted. The association is more and more becoming a centre where the different organizations may meet. During November four meetings were held. The religious committee reported that "the week of prayer" was observed throughout the world from November 10 to 16. In this connection meetings were held each afternoon and were well attended.

The Current Events Club under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh MacKenzie proved to be not only interesting but very instructive.

The house committee reported thirty-one permanent and forty-one transient guests. The story hour for children, which is held every Saturday morning, is having a great success. One hundred and thirty children were in attendance during the month. The membership committee reported four new members and twenty-six renewals.

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## Social and Personal Items

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie entertained at an informal tea and reception this afternoon at Government House in honor of the party of visiting newspapermen and their wives, who are in the city for the Yuletide Festival at the Empress Hotel. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas of The Portland Oregonian; Fred Lockley of The Portland Journal; David S. Clark of Music and Musicians, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, Seattle Argus; Mordon Smith, Grays Harbor Washingtonian of Hoquiam, Wash.; Murray Lift, Walla Walla Union; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McPherson, Wenatchee Daily Herald; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jessup, Bremerton Daily News Searchlight; H. G. Schwartz, Vancouver Daily Star; Rhynad Jamieson, Vancouver Daily Province. Several local members of the journalistic profession were invited to meet the visitors.

Mr. V. Rollins, Pacific Club, will spend Christmas in Vancouver.

Mrs. R. P. Richet, Humboldt Street, has returned to her home in Victoria after spending a few days in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard of Quamichan Lake are visiting in Victoria and are guests at the James Bay Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ashley, Pendergast Street, have as their guest Mr. Bert Randall of Kelowna.

Miss Wilson of Portland, Oregon, is spending the Christmas season in Victoria as a guest at The Angela.

Commander and Mrs. L. W. Murray, Admiral's Road, have as their guests for the Christmas season, Captain and Mrs. J. P. Bell of Vancouver.

Miss Nora Bradford, who has been teaching at Big Creek, Chilcoot district, is spending her Christmas vacation in Victoria.

Miss Hilda Knight, who has been teaching at North Alexandria on the mainland, is spending her Christmas vacation in Victoria.

Mr. Bobby Floyer left yesterday for Vancouver to spend Christmas there as the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Marriott.

Mr. Billy Corley of Vancouver is spending Christmas in Victoria as the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshaw, Linden Avenue.

Miss Dorothy Cox of Southampton, England, is visiting in Victoria as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, Stanley Avenue.

Mrs. W. H. Armstrong arrived from Vancouver yesterday afternoon to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. F. W. Vincent, Esq. Street.

Miss Wilma Carter of Seattle will spend Christmas in Victoria with her father, Mr. W. D. Carter, K.C. of Vancouver, who is a guest at the Metropole Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jack of Vernon are spending the Christmas season in Victoria as the guests of Mr. Richard Blomfield, Burdett Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peacey of Vancouver will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guests of Mr. Peacey's father, Mr. Peacey, Fairfield Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wythe of Shawinigan Lake will spend Christmas in Victoria with their daughter, Miss Victoria Wythe, The Aberdeen.

Mrs. M. Wells of Vancouver came over from the mainland this afternoon and will spend Christmas here as a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. J. G. Brown, Fort Street, left on Sunday for Glendale, California, to join Mrs. Brown, who has been visiting in the south.

Miss Doreen Ashburnham left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver to spend Christmas there as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans.

Mr. S. Sussman of Port Townsend will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Charles Rowell, Oliver Street, Oak Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Taylor have gone to Vancouver to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Douglas.

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Miss Lillian Verne of Vernon, Alberta, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Milne, 314 Vancouver Street.

Mrs. Thompson, wife of Major H. A. Thompson, U.S. army, Burlington, California, is spending the Christmas holidays as the guest of her father, Mr. W. W. Webster. On Sunday, Mrs. Thompson went to Seattle to meet her son, Mr. W. H. Thompson of Seattle, who is in the city on his way to the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trenchard of Seattle will arrive in Victoria to-morrow to spend a few days here as the guests of Mrs. Trenchard's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Kent, St. Andrews Street.

Mr. John Hedley, who is attending the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, is spending the season's holidays in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hedley, Rockland Court, Rockland Avenue.

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Miss Lola Worthington, B.A. of the staff of the High School at Nelson, B.C., arrived in Victoria yesterday and will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Worthington, 2543 Government Street, for the school holidays.

Mrs. Allan Ballentine of Toronto has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hartley Zimmerman, Vancouver. Mrs. Robert Bowie of Brockville, Ont., has been the guest of her mother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pattullo, Cliford Street, Vancouver. Mrs. Ballentine, Mrs. Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Pattullo came over from Vancouver to-day to spend the Christmas here.

Launching the first of a series of holiday parties arranged by various hostesses for the younger social set, Mrs. Homer-Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Charlewood entertained jointly at a delightful dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club last evening in honor of Miss Dallas Homer-Dixon and Miss Pamela Charlewood. The ballroom was most attractively arranged with Christmas decorations.

Mrs. R. Shanks entertained the members of the Valentine-Harvey-Beaumont Boggs Chapter, I.O.D.E., at her home on Port Street last evening at a delightful social gathering. Mrs. R. B. McMicking, regent of the Lady Douglas Chapter, officiated at the drawing for the brass standard lamp. The prizes were given by Mrs. D. Stewart, 2579 Prior Street, with ticket No. 308. Mrs. McMicking was presented with a dainty corsage bouquet in appreciation of her services.

St. John's Church, Duncan, was the scene of a very quiet, but pretty wedding on Friday evening, when Violet Lily Legge, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Legge, Duncan, was united in marriage to Mr. John Edward Williams, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. T. Williams, Doncaster, Dorset, England. Rev. A. Bischoff performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a handsome suit of pale green tulle and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations, chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Bluebell Legge, wearing a pretty pale green crepe de Chine dress, close fitting green hat, and bouquet of pink and white carnations and maiden-hair fern. Mr. Edwin Burnett supported the groom. Mr. Williams's associates at the Duncan Garage, where he is in charge of the service department, presented the happy couple with a large silver dish as a token of their esteem and good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will reside on Herbert Street, Duncan.

Mr. Herbert Wilson, manager of the Empress Hotel, and Mrs. Wilson entertained at a dinner party in one of the handsome new dining rooms of the Empress Hotel last evening. The party later attending the opening of the Yuletide Festival. The invited guests include His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie, Hon. the Premier and Mrs. Toimie and Miss Carol Toimie, Mayor and Mrs. Anselcomb, Mr. W. H. M. Haldane, president of the Canadian Club, and Mrs. Haldane; Mrs. P. B. Scurrah, president of the Women's Canadian Club, and Mr. Scurrah; Mr. A. Carmichael, president of the Rotary Club, and Mrs. Carmichael; Mr. Brooke Stephenson, president of the Kiwanis Club, and Mrs. Stephenson; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron, president of the Ladies' Musical Club; Mr. F. Lister, vice-president of the Kinamen Club, and Mrs. Lister; Mr. H. B. Dawson, president of the Gyro Club, and Mrs. Dawson; Capt. Robert Molson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cameron, Mr. B. C. Nicholas, Miss Cameron, Mrs. Leonard Andrews, Mr. W. B. Lanigan, Mrs. Harold Fleming, president of the Victoria Red Cross Society, and Mr. Fleming; Mr. F. B. Fowler, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Fowler; Mr. Walter Miles, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Miles; Mr. H. F. Mathews, Capt. and Mrs. C. D. Norcross, Mr. J. A. Bayard, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Warren, Mr. R. Jamieson, Vancouver Daily Province; Mr. David S. Craig, Seattle; Mr. H. A. Chadwick (Seattle Argus) and Mrs. Chadwick; Mr. Horace Thomas (Portland Oregonian), and Mrs. Thomas; Mr. Fred Laskley (Portland Journal), Mr. Mordon Smith (Grays Harbor Daily), Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Coleman and Mr. J. Murray Gibson.

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Mr. John Hedley, who is attending the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, is spending the season's holidays in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hedley, Rockland Court, Rockland Avenue.



## JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY ENJOYED

Britannia Branch Veterans Entertain Over 400 at Annual Function

Over 300 children and 100 adults enjoyed the Christmas tree party staged by the Britannia Branch of the Canadian Legion at the Foresters' Hall, Comogant Street, yesterday. Games, refreshments, The Victoria Times expedition film and many other entertainments kept the large gathering happy during the whole afternoon. To-night the branch will hold its annual Christmas Eve impromptu concert in the headquarters, Fairbanks-Morse Building when an appropriate programme will be rendered. The appearance of Jolly old Santa Claus was the high spot of yesterday's entertainment. Heralded by tinkling sleigh bells he came into the gathering with a big bag of gifts which he distributed, then wished all a Merry Christmas and left amid uproarious applause. The Christmas film was shown under the direction of Harold Palmer, and depicted Santa at work in his home at the North Pole preparing for Christmas activities. Games were under the direction of Miss Yard, while Tom Obee contributed vocal solos. The committee in charge included: Dave Sheret, J. Blair, T. Dempster, C. Linbert, C. C. Snowden, W. Saterley, A. E. Hall and W. P. Drinkle. Mrs. Dave Sheret conducted the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

**CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH**  
Welland, Ont., Dec. 24.—Returning to her home at Humberstone yesterday following an afternoon of Christmas shopping here, Mrs. J. Uaim found her home almost completely destroyed by fire, and one of her two little daughters burned to death. The mother left her children playing in front of an open fireplace.

## YOUR BABY and MINE

For MYRTLE MEYER ELDER

Mrs. Elder will be glad to answer all questions pertaining to babies and children. A stamped and addressed envelope forwarded to this office will bring a personal reply.

**THE FONTANEL SHOULD CLOSE NORMALLY AT EIGHTEEN MONTHS**  
The so-called soft spot, technically the fontanel, occasions mothers much needless worry. They have heard that if a baby is hit on this spot he will die immediately. While I know nothing of the contrary, it seems a rather negligible danger. It was very canny of nature to put this danger spot on the top of baby's head, where it would be almost impossible to fall. In fact, I've never heard of a baby dying because of an injury to the fontanel, have you? Mrs. C. D. is curious about the soft spot. She says: "I wish you would write about the soft spot on baby's head. What makes the difference in size, and how soon is it supposed to grow over? What effect would it have if it grew over too soon? I have seen babies with the soft spot covered by a large portion of the head, others only half the size, and the other day a three months old baby with a spot the size of a quarter. Will the large places grow over as quickly as the smaller ones?" Words cannot express my appreciation for your department and the benefit I get from it. Yet there are mothers who read it and still keep on rearing their babies in the old-fashioned way. I could shake them, but it does no good to argue with people like that. Thank you for your generous praise, Mrs. C. D.

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# Christmas Day Church Services

## BRIEF MESSAGE AT ST. JOHN'S

Joyful Choral Numbers to Mark Christmas Day

St. John's Church has been beautifully decorated with a profusion of evergreens and holly in preparation for the Christmas service to-morrow. There will be two early morning celebrations of Holy Communion, the first at 7:15 and the second at 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Special Christmas music will be rendered at this service including the Christmas hymns, "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Angels from the Realms of Glory," "The Te Deum" will be sung to Smart's setting in F, and the anthem, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," the music being composed by G. Jennings Burnett. Miss Moore taking the solo part. The "Kyrie" will be Mendelssohn's setting and the "Sanctus" will be the setting of F. G. Plummer. Canon P. A. P. Chadwick, the rector, will be the preacher and wishes it to be understood that his Christmas message will be very brief, especially in view of the large number of communicants expected at this service.

## At St. Saviour's

Services in St. Saviour's Church for Christmas Day will be Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and choral Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, with sermon. Rev. Edwin Moss will preach. The anthem will be "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn."

## HIGH MASS AT MIDNIGHT

St. Andrew's Cathedral Will Celebrate Christmas To-night

Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at midnight to-night at St. Andrew's Cathedral, by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Letourneau, who will also preach the sermon. He will be assisted at Mass by Rev. W. G. Smith and Rev. A. Tourneury, S.J. There will also be sung Mass at St. Ann's Convent, at which Rev. C. E. Evans will be celebrant and preacher.

On Christmas day there will be frequent masses from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. The benediction will take place after 11 o'clock celebration.

The music at the midnight service will be under the direction of Frank J. Sehl and will be Henry Farmer's Mass in B flat as follows:  
Kyrie: incidental solos Madam Grifflon; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" solos by F. J. Dolan and Mr. Maguire; Credo, chorus; Sanctus, chorus; Benedictus; solo, Miss Olive Hartree and chorus; Agnus Dei; duet, Miss Josephine Charabois and Miss Maude Hartree; Offertory: "Rock of Ages," Madame Grifflon with violin obligato by Mrs. Spencer; Adagio Fideles (Novello arrangement), violin, Mrs. Spencer; cello, Mr. Spencer; organist, Mrs. Marguerite McKay; choir conductor, Frank J. Sehl.

## GRACE TO HOLD EARLY SERVICE

At Grace Lutheran Church early morning service will be held at 7 o'clock on Christmas Day. As usual the church will be decorated with wreaths of evergreen and the windows lighted with candles. The sermon subject will be "Our Star." The music will include an anthem by the choir, "O Holy Night," and a solo by P. J. Edmonds.

On Thursday, Second-day Christmas, a choral service will be held at 7:30 in the evening. Under the title "The Way to Bethlehem" the Sunday School and choir will present the story of the nativity. The well-known Christmas carols will be used as choruses, and solos, and the prophetic and gospel narrative retold in recitations and readings.

## St. Luke's Hears Alaskan Bishop

At St. Luke's Church, Bishop of Alaska, Rev. P. J. Rowe, will preach at 11 o'clock on Christmas morning at the 11 o'clock choral communion service. In addition to the usual Christmas hymns and canticles, the choir will render Maund's anthem, "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn."

## FOUR SERVICES AT GARRISON CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be four Christmas Day services at St. Paul's Garrison Church, Esquimalt, to-morrow. The Christmas tree, which stands prominently in the nave of the church, beautifully lighted, is a realistic reminder of the fact that Christmas is above everything else the children's feast.

Child gifts may be placed at the foot of the tree before the service, which will be as follows: Holy communion at 8 o'clock, 10 o'clock, 11 o'clock and 12 o'clock. At 10 o'clock, 11 o'clock and 12 o'clock, there will be a service for the aged, widows and orphans' funds.

**ST. BARNABAS—CHRISTMAS EVE**  
Day: Holy Eucharist, 11:45 a.m. Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m.; Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m. (sung).

**ST. JOHN'S QUADRA ST.—CHRISTMAS**  
Day: 7:15 a.m., Holy Communion, 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 12 o'clock. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A.

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**SOLARIUM HOLDS CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT**  
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Gordon: Miss Muffet, played by Dorothy Comber; Jill, Marjorie Hutchison; Bo-peep, Barbara Hutchison; Jack Frost, Joan Miller; Santa Claus, Alex. Almes; Jack and Jill, Jimmie Love and Marjorie Hutchison; Little Boy Blue, Royce Wright; Jack Horner, Robert McNanny; and Simple Simon, Basil Whitting.

## Many Services Of Communion At St. Mary's

At St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, Christmas Day services to-morrow will be Holy Communion at 6:45, 8:00 (choral), 9:30 and Noon. Matins and address will be at 11 o'clock, the anthem being "O Zion That Bringest Glad Tidings" (Stansel).

Holy Communion will also be celebrated on Thursday at 10:30, on Friday at 8 o'clock and on Saturday at 10:30 o'clock.

## St. Barnabas To Hold Eucharist

A Christmas eve celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be observed to-night at 11:45 o'clock at St. Barnabas Church.

## ST. MARK'S CHOIR WILL SING CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Special Holy Communion services will be held at St. Mark's Church, Boleskine Road, on Christmas Day, at 8 and 11 o'clock. Hymns and Christmas carols will be sung by the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Jull, A.T.C.M., with Mrs. Ruby Moore at the organ.

## REFORMED CHURCH TO HOLD SERVICE TO-MORROW MORNING

At the Church of Our Lord a special Christmas Day service will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. A. de B. Owen, the sector, will preach, and the choir will render Christmas carols.

The church has been beautifully decorated for the occasion by the congregation.

## PUPILS GIVE FINE CONCERT

Students at Gordon Head School Delight Large Audience

The Gordon Head School children presented their annual Christmas concert before an audience which crowded the school on Thursday. Effective decorations in seasonal colors were arranged, and a prettily decorated tree added to the festive scheme.

The programme, which was a particularly good one and would have done credit to much older artists, was as follows:  
Choruses: "Angels Sweetly Singing," "Come and Worship," "All Through the Night," old Welsh folk song with decant, by the school.  
"Comin' Through the Rye," by Grade 1 (a particular favorite).  
"O Soldier! Soldier!" by Geoffrey Vautour, Jean Marotte, Anna Roseburgh and the juniors.  
Recitation: "If You're Good," Elsie Vautour.  
"Buttercups and Daisies," by June Roseon, Dorothy Humeaton, Anna Roseburgh, Virginia Todd, Hazel Grant, and Renauld, Elsie Vautour, Betty Walker, Joyce Bell and Nora Marotte.  
Play: "Whitewashing the Fence," Angus Galey, Geoffrey Walker, George and Martin Humeaton, Kenneth Walker, David Bronson and Alison Roseburgh.  
Solo: "Little Lamb," Betty Lamb-lick.  
Recitation: "My Pussy," Aileen Trounair.  
Minuet: Florence, Irene and Marie Edwards, Nora and Jean Marotte, Lillian Le Cocq (dancing pupils of Mrs. Hudson).  
"Chicken Little," puppet play, juniors.  
"Singing in the Rain," juniors.  
Clap dance: Juniors.  
Christmas With the Ruggies, seniors.  
Piano solo: "Convent Bell," by Helen Vautour.  
"I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," by Ivy Galey and Sylvia Lamb-lick.  
Dutch dance: Dancing pupils of Mrs. Hudson.  
Solo: "Silent Night," by Betty Lamb-lick.  
"His Comes the Show Boat," minstrel show by the Darktown minstrels of the senior class.  
R. S. Twining acted as chairman, and Miss Marion Estlin and Miss Marjorie Watson the accompanists.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Paterson, W. Tomes and Miss M. Harvey were the children's guests for the concert.

A hearty vote of thanks was expressed to Miss Marjorie Watson for her untiring work with the children. She was assisted by Miss Stewart, substitute teacher, Mrs. Norman Bell and Mrs. V. La Londe, who superintended the dressing room.

**SPRIT OF MEDIEVAL YULE IS REVIVED AT FESTIVAL**  
(Continued from page 6)  
dances contributed with spiritfulness by these agile and graceful young exponents of folk dancing. Mrs. C. J. Lennox was the accompanist.

The band, composed of well-known singer and former member of the Beggar Opera Company, with Major Bullock-Water acting as stage manager. Both deserve much credit for the excellence of the production.

The remainder of the programme consisted of a series of beautiful old Christmas carols and airs, harmoniously sung by the Elizabethan Quartette, Mary Frances James, Josephine Wood, Herbert Hewerton and Harold Eustace Key.

The singers, garbed in Elizabethan costume, were seated around a table according to the tradition of the day, their numbers including: Carol, "I Saw the Sweet Senny Sigh," XIV century, arranged by H. R. Key; Carol, "Now We'll Have a Merry Make," XIV century, arranged by Sir James Stainer; Carol, "The Coventry Carol," from the Coventry Corpus Christi Nativity Play, circa 1534; solo, "The Oxen" (Graham Peel), Josephine Wood; two French carols, "Shepherds Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep" (Bessac), "Noel Provencal" (Provence), English version by John Murray Gibson; French Canadian carol, "Whence, O Shepherd Maiden!" (Dou viens-tu, berger?), words translated from the French by John Murray Gibson; Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Traditional), Herbert Hewerton; Carol, "Carol for the Nativity," arranged by W. H. Gratton-Flood; Carol, "Bishop Wedding's County Westford Carol," 1886; solo, "My Heart Ever Faithful" (Bach), Mary Frances James; Ancient Christmas Carol, "In Dulci Jubilo" (R. L. de Pearall); Carol, "The Carol of the Nuns of St. Mary's, Chester," XV century melody, arranged by H. R. Key.

**FOLK DANCES**  
The folk dancers also contributed a second group of dances, including (a) Tideswell Processional; (b) Morris dance, Country Gardens; (c) Country dances, Gathering Peasants, Black Nag; (d) Morris dance, Ripe o' Marlow; (e) Morris jig, Bacca Pipes.

The Empress Hotel orchestra played the overture and some of the incidental music, rounding out an entertainment of novel appeal, which bids fair to become one of the most popular institutions of Christmastide in the Pacific Northwest.

Large or small meshed net for gowns, with elaborate metal trimmings are among the most formal of the season's evening gowns.

## FIVE SERVICES AT CATHEDRAL

Rt. Rev. C. de V. Schofield Will Preach To-morrow Morning

Five services of Holy Communion will be held in Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Day, the hours being 6, 7, 8, 9:15 and after shortened Matins at 11 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock service Christmas music will be sung by the choir, with organ accompaniment, and a sermon will be preached by the Bishop of the diocese, the Right Rev. C. D. Schofield. Evenings will be conducted by the Dean at 5:15 o'clock.

All offertories at Christmas Day services are given to the clergy widows' and orphan fund.

Services on the days following Christmas Day will be held in the chapel of the Memorial Hall: on Thursday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion at 10:30 o'clock; on Friday, Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and on Saturday, Holy Innocents' Day, Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer will be said on these days at 9:30 and evening prayer at 5:15 o'clock.

The annual Christmas tree services will take place in the cathedral today at 4 and 7:30 o'clock. Christmas hymns and carols will be sung, the Christmas story will be read, and a short address given at each service.

## CENTRAL BAPTIST TO HOLD SPECIAL MORNING SERVICE

Christmas will be celebrated to-morrow at Central Baptist Church with a special one-hour service at 11 o'clock, when Rev. J. B. Howell will speak on "Let us now go even into Bethlehem and see."

Each of the children received a gaily-colored balloon before joining hands and singing round the holly-decked bowl. Miss Lonsdale presided at the piano for the incidental music.

## SANTA CLAUS

At the close of the entertainment three resounding cheers for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and other guests were given by the children. The distribution of gifts followed. The tree in the little children's ward was decorated first and the larger children's last. Santa Claus, cheerfully impersonated by Lord Colville, was welcomed by a chorus of wondering exclamations from the tiny bedridden folk, who waited with extraordinary self-control until their turns came to receive gifts from the tree or the great bag which was carried on his back.

**THE VISITORS**  
At the conclusion of the distribution of gifts, the grown-ups were entertained at tea, those participating including His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie, Captain W. H. Molson, Mrs. W. G. Nichol, Lord Colville, Mr. and Mrs. Corrie Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Lonsdale, Rev. E. M. Wallis (honorary chaplain), Captain Money, Mr. and Mrs. Wingate White, Mrs. Wace and the following members of the hospital: directors and their wives, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Mr. Charles Williams, Sir Richard Lake, Mr. W. B. Langan, Mr. P. Babcock, Mr. Hudson, Mr. G. H. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dunlop and Mrs. Glasser.

## STRAWBERRY VALE

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Mrs. Newby and daughter Eileen of Vancouver arrived on Sunday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Etheridge, Wilkinson Road.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit a white gift service was held in the Wilkinson Road United Sunday school on Sunday morning, following the regular session, when the children presented their gifts.

Special music was rendered at the morning service by the male quartette, who sang "Glory to God in the Highest," and solos by Mr. Kinnaird in "Nasareth," and Mr. Boorman, who sang "First Christmas Morn."

In the evening the mixed quartette sang a Carol, "On Christmas Day," and the male quartette rendered "Now the Day is Over," Rev. H. A. Ireland presiding.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School board of Wilkinson Road United Church was held in the church on Thursday evening, Rev. H. A. Ireland presiding.

Gratifying reports were read from the various departments. Mr. Campion moved that Mrs. G. Jones be appointed as honorary treasurer in appreciation of her many years service in that capacity.

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## THE ANNUAL Christmas Tree

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## District W.C.T.U. To Hold Day of Prayer

The District W.C.T.U. met on Friday, Mrs. John Hall, the president, in the chair. The opening exercises were led by Mrs. Hall. The first item on the agenda was a discussion on the essay contest, which was such a success last year, and will start in January in many Sunday schools of the city, on the dangers of "Alcoholism on the body."

The annual day of prayer was fixed for January 8, each nation being responsible for the half-hour programme: Rockland Park first; Central second; Frances Willard third and Victoria West fourth.

Mrs. Jones, member of Central Union, is trying to get for the Fairfield Sunday school some wonderful moving pictures put up by the Alberta Government on "Scientific Temperance." Miss Sproutle took the half-hour in January, opening with the Crusader's Hymn and Psalm 146. The talk dealt with the earlier days of W.C.T.U. work, dealing with the faith and confidence of those Christian women encircling the world with the little white ribbon. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

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## Handel's "Messiah" Given in Cathedral

Through the courtesy of Davis & King Limited, Handel's "Messiah," which was recently recorded in England by the choir of the British Broadcasting Company and Sir Thomas Beecham's orchestra was reproduced in the new cathedral on Sunday afternoon. There was a large and appreciative audience in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

The instrument used on this occasion was the new Columbia electric reproducing instrument, the tone of which was quite adequate for the large building. This masterpiece of Handel has been successfully recorded in its entirety by the Columbia Phonograph Company of London, England.

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# Soccer Games And Swim On Sports Programme To-morrow

## THE SPORTS MIRROR

As soon as all the holiday tinsel has been packed away in the attic for another year and the pine needles have been swept off the living-room carpet, we are going to hear a lot of boisterous bally-hoo of a heavy-weight boxing contest to be held in Miami, Fla., early in the new year. This boxing contest will most likely be advertised to determine the undisputed heavy-weight champion of the world, or else provide one of the finalists for such a bout.

With Jack Sharkey, the job from Boston, already assured one corner of the ring, the speculation as to who will sit in the opposite corner is mounting all the time. All during the last summer and fall and right up to the present, promoters and matchmakers throughout the United States have been putting on unofficial elimination bouts, with the hope of putting someone into that spot under the tropical sun. At present the situation is as jumbled as ever. Fighters earlier eliminated are staging comebacks that clamor for recognition. Several new foreign menaces have injected their large and untested forms into the picture. Tuffy Griffiths, Johnny Risko, Otto von Forst, Phil Scott, Victoriano Campolo and Primo Carnera appear as the most logical contenders.

The recent New York Christmas fund-bout between Von Forst and Scott that ended in the second round when Scott went to the canvas from a foul blow, should have put one of them out of the running, but as it is they are both still in. On Friday Tuffy Griffiths, the young sharp-shooter from Sioux City, and Johnny Risko, Cleveland's entry, will meet in Madison Square Garden for what their backers say is the final step to the title shot in Miami.

Griffiths has been coming right along since he suffered his first knock-out at the hands of Jimmy Braddock in New York. He has won every one of his fights since then. He won from Risko on a foul in their first meeting at Detroit some time ago. But Johnny has a habit of reversing earlier adverse decisions. Risko, from whom there is no more formidable heavyweight when he has his mind to be, is in the midst of one of the greatest winning streaks of his career.

It isn't more than two years ago that Johnny gave Jack Sharkey a whipping in the elimination to find a suitable opponent for Champion Gene Tunney's farewell appearance. But with all this John finds it rather hard to impress the Madison Square Garden Corporation. It seems to be the contention that Risko lacks the appeal that draws the fans through the turnstiles. But one mark on Risko's record has never been erased. "Mis. Schmeling's" clean knockout of the former boxer by cany, not be laughed off. Although Max is said to be on the outs with the corporation on account of his high-falooted methods of advertising and accepting their matches, he will be back again from Germany very shortly. With his personality, his resemblance to the great Dempsey and his giving the Miami fight at its best, it is hard to believe it would not be surprising if he was the Garden's choice as Sharkey's opponent.

Young Stribling has had an interesting trip abroad. He slipped over to be first to "grab" Primo Carnera, the Italian giant, who has been touted as Europe's coming champion of the ring. To date he has scored fifty-five with Primo. Carnera won the first bout, in England, on a foul. Stribling being disqualified for hitting low. Stribling won the second bout in Paris on a foul. Carnera hitting him on the break after the referee's order to break clean. Of course Carnera is inexperienced, and Stribling's constant clinching must be very annoying.

Stribling seems to be playing Carnera the way he has played a lot of palukes and stable mates at different towns in "the sticks" in the United States. Always the return engagement. Probably he'll go on meeting Carnera in other European countries, and then import him to America. Stribling in the role of giant killer, fighting the 297-pound, six-foot-ten giant anywhere south of New York, would add a neat piece to the bank account.

However, figuring everything in the two Stribling-Carnera matches to be strictly on the up and up, this Italian behemoth seems more likely to fight in "the sticks" than in the big time. He may not know how to put his hands up, but at least Stribling hasn't put him down to stay down, which Stribling usually can do easily with any club heavy-weight. And when knocked down, twice, Carnera has hopped up red-eyed and hungry for slaughter, and has chased Stribling around and clouted him by sheer strength and bulk until Strib clinched and clung, or dodged the fight in some other way. Perhaps, in the hands of a coach like Dan Hickey, Carnera might become a champ.

But there isn't much of a chance that he'll ever be coached. If he comes to America, he'll be divided into "pieces" like Schmeling, among a bunch of hungry managers. These fellows are a new development of the "fight game." In the old days a manager was a fellow who could teach his man something about fighting, and held his job on that account. The modern manager is usually a guy who has to work for a living and finds it a lot easier to borrow in and get "pieces" of some money-earning scrapper. Let Carnera fall into the hands of the managers, and he'll never get anywhere himself. He'll never get more than a sniff of the money he earns, either.

Billiards

H. Pollock captured the Two Jacks Christmas billiard handicap journey last night when he defeated T. Renfrew by a 250-215 score.

## FORMER STAR OF DIAMOND A VAGABOND

Danny Murphy Member of World's Champion Athletics of 1910 in Court

Judge Dismisses Charge and Then Makes First Donation to Aid Him

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Danny Murphy, in whose ears once thundered the applause of world series fans, climbed up and then down the ladder of success until he reached the bottom yesterday—a prisoner in a Desplaines street court charged with disorderly conduct.

Danny, in court, was just a nervous West Madison street vagabond until word of his real identity reached Judge Heller. Then it was learned he was the Danny Murphy, right fielder for the championship Chicago Cubs a beating in the series of 1910.

"Discharged," said Judge Heller. "A man who once was a star athlete deserves something for Christmas. I'll make the first contribution," he added. Danny took the donation and started to shuffle away.

"Come back to-morrow," said Judge Heller, "and I'll see what can be done for you. Where will you sleep to-night?"

"I'll be sleeping in the station cell, where I've been sleeping for the last few nights," said Danny.

## Jimmy Slattery And Scozza Score Quick Knockouts

Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 24.—Jimmy Slattery and Lou Scozza, both of Buffalo, and named by the New York State Athletic Commission to fight it out for the light-heavyweight championship of the world, scored knockout victories on an all-star card of four rounds here last night. Slattery stopped Eddie Connors of Boston in the second round, while Scozza was declared the winner over Almedo Duquesne of Cuba in the first.

Both bouts were stopped by Referee Lou Magnola of New York City.

## HORSE RACING

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Results of horse racing here yesterday, follow:  
First race—Six furlongs: Paddock, \$4.80, \$2.70, \$2.50; Coreopsis, \$6, \$4; Upstead, \$3, Time, 1:17 1-5.  
Second race—Six furlongs: Foreign Relations, \$3, \$4, \$3; Focus, \$5, \$3.40; Wind Flower, \$3, Time, 1:13.  
Third race—Mile and one-sixteenth: Goldridge, \$22, \$10, \$6; Sport Dress, \$2.70, \$2.50; Chanson, \$4, Time, 1:51 2-5.  
Fourth race—Six furlongs: Old Slip, \$18, \$8, \$5; Virado, \$2.70, \$2.50; Brambau, \$3, Time, 1:15.  
Fifth race—Mile and seventy yards: Mole Hill, \$14, \$5; War Insignator, \$3.60; Earl of Warwick, Time, 1:49 1-5.  
Sixth race—Mile and one-sixteenth: Bridgroom, \$4, \$2.40, \$2.20; Nancy Seth, \$3, \$3.40; Kukui, \$4, Time, 1:50.  
Seventh race—Mile and one-quarter: Thelma O'Neil, \$4.40, \$2.60, \$2.40; Vole, \$2.40, \$2.20; Star Falcon, \$5, Time, 2:13.

## New Year's Day Mixed Foursome Will Be Staged

A New Year's Day mixed foursome will be held at the Uplands Golf Club on Wednesday morning. Competitors will choose their own partners, arrange their own starting times and select their opponents. The entrance fee will be \$1 per couple. Post entries will be received.

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BY HARRIE PAYNE

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## Giving Santa Claus a Break



## Aggressiveness of Fielding Earns Him Verdict Over Herman

Victoria Lightweight Crowds Seattle Boy to Gain Referee's Decision in Ten-round bout Staged at Crystal Garden Last Night Before Large Crowd; Jumbo Davies Scores Technical Knockout Over Jimmy Henry; Pastro Earns Call Over Duffy; Lieutenant-Governor Bruce Attends.

Taking the part of the aggressor in practically every round and landing the cleanest and hardest blows Tommy Fielding, local lightweight, was awarded the referee's decision over Eddie Herman, of Seattle, in their ten round bout, staged at the Crystal Garden last night. The bout was announced as being for the Pacific Northwest junior welterweight championship with Herman in the role of defender. At the conclusion of the fight Referee Dai W. Davies after consulting his scorecard walked over and raised

Fielding, making his initial appearance in a local ring since his six months' sojourn in California, did not appear to have much of an edge over his Seattle opponent. From the first round of the going the Victoria boy kept crowding Herman, and attempted to get in close and score a knockout. Fielding left his jaw wide open at times in order to get into position to throw left or right crosses to the body and head. Fielding used his right quite frequently in the early part of the fight, but towards the end he depended on his left. The Victoria boy has changed his style somewhat since he has been in California. He appears to be hitting much harder than before, due no doubt to the fact that he has put on considerable weight around the shoulders. Fielding, however, still misses good openings, backing away when he has his man wide-open for a killing punch.

Herman proved a shifty type of fighter. He did a considerable amount of weaving in order to get away from punches, and used a neat left-handed jab to keep Fielding away when he attempted to get in close. Herman's two long arms were his best asset. This hand landed with great frequency on Tommy's jaw, but the blows seemed to lack pep and gave Fielding no trouble. Both fighters appeared to be fairly evenly matched at infighting, and in the close mixing very little damage resulted either way.

The fight was given prestige through the attendance of Lieutenant-Governor Bruce, Miss Helen Mackenzie, Premier Tolmie, W. C. Shelly, Minister of Finance, Mayor Anscomb and Captain Molson, besides other well-known public men.

The Crystal Garden proved an ideal location for the staging of the bout. The card, staged under the auspices of the Victoria Boxing Club, was run off

## Fast, Light Backfield To Oppose Vancouver in Boxing Day Rugby Game

Experimenting with a fast but light backfield, the Victoria "Reps" will try to overcome the Vancouver all-stars with their speed in the game on Boxing Day. If the team announced by the local rugby union is any criterion. When speaking of the change in line-up, Full Willis, Victoria coach, stated that he considered the switch a good one.

Following the announcement of eleven members of the team yesterday, local enthusiasts were somewhat startled by the absence of young Henry Cockin's name from the list of sure bets. However, since then the blonde J.B.A.A. half won his place and will be seen in action as wing forward.

Two places in the forward division are still unfilled. Ronnie Mawhood, Godfrey Wenman and Bruce Forbes will try for these at the practice in the Ansonies this evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The remainder of the team follows: Fullback, Reg. Wenman (Scottish); three-quarters, Art Fell (J.B.A.A.), B. Tye (Scottish), Roy Gaunt (J.B.A.A.) and Art Webster (J.B.A.A.); five-eighths, Dave Ellis (Victoria College); halfback, Pollard (Scottish); wing forward, Henry Cockin (J.B.A.A.); forwards, J. McDonald (J.B.A.A.), Dan Purfill (J.B.A.A.), Campbell Forbes (Scottish), George Warnock (J.B.A.A.), Horace Goad (J.B.A.A.).

The game will be played at the Royal Athletic Park on Thursday, starting at 2:30 o'clock. Captain Covey will referee.

Following the match the Victoria Rugby Union will entertain the visitors.

scrapper, proved too hard a hitter for Jim Henry of Seattle. Henry put his jaw into the way too often and as a result went down five times in two rounds, after which his opponents threw in the towel. The Seattle boy was groggy as he left the ring.

The opening bout on the programme between Kid Stubbs of Port Alberni and Billy Wells of Seattle, was full of action. In the first round Wells held his own with his tough Up-Island opponent, but after this it was nothing short of a massacre. Stubbs hit his man with everything, but he was unable to put him away, although he cut his face to ribbons. The bout was stopped by Chief of Police Fry in the last round.

Danny Pastro was awarded the referee's decision over Johnny Duffy. Pastro opened up a bad cut over his opponent's eye in the first round and the blood seemed to worry the former Boston boy. Pastro did not appear to have any great edge over his ratty opponent.

Making an attempted comeback after a lay-off of nearly two years, Baptiste Thomas found the body punches of Teddy Beales too punishing and after he had gone down for two counts of eight in the third round his seconds threw in the towel.

**Operation Carried Out on Fredrickson**

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A successful operation was performed on Fran Fredrickson, manager and centre of the Pittsburgh Pirates, at St. Michael's Hospital here yesterday. The operation is of a minor character and will, it is believed, remedy a troublesome knee, which has been bothering the star player since it was injured in a recent league match.

How long Fredrickson will be detained at the hospital is not definitely known, but it is expected some time will elapse before he will be able to rejoin his teammates for action in the National League.

**Fourth Monthly Round Will Be Held at Oak Bay**

The fourth monthly competition, consisting of eighteen holes match play against par, with three-quarters of the handicaps allowed, will be played on December 29 at the Victoria Golf Club. Competitors will arrange for their opponents and also their starting times. The entrance fee will be fifty cents, and two prizes will be given. Post entries will be received.

**Par Competition Will Be Held at Oak Bay To-morrow**

On Christmas Day there will be a men's par competition at the Victoria Golf Club consisting of eighteen holes match play with three-quarters of the handicaps allowed. Competitors will arrange for their opponents, also their starting time. The entrance fee will be fifty cents and two prizes will be awarded. Post entries will be received.

## All-star Football Teams Will Meet In Anscomb Cup Match

Strong Sides Selected from Wednesday and Saturday Leagues for Match To-morrow Afternoon at Royal Athletic Park; Seven Entries for Annual V.A.S.C. Plunge in Inner Harbor at 11 O'clock; Junior Football Teams Will Play in Morning; "Rep" Rugby Teams Will Clash Thursday.

Two soccer matches and a Christmas Day swim will be the sports offered up for the entertainment of the fans on the holiday. On Thursday the feature event of the holiday programme will be staged with the holding of the exhibition rugby match at the Royal Athletic Park between Victoria and Vancouver "rep" squads.

## Speed Skating Titles at Stake Next February

New York, Dec. 24.—The North American speed skating championships of 1930 will be held February 11 and 12 at Saranac Lake and February 13 and 14 at Lake Placid, it was announced yesterday by Joseph K. Savage, president of the National Skating Union. The Amateur Skating Association of Canada concurred in the selection of the scene of the "winter Olympics" for 1930 for the North American title event.

## RIFLE SHOOTING

The Canadian Scottish turkey shoot resulted in a win for the officers of No. 3 company, the sergeants of the headquarters company and a section of the signallers. The shoot resulted in very remarkable scores being registered.

The officers' competition consisted of five teams of six officers each, representing each of the four companies and the headquarters of the battalion, and resulted as follows:

No. 3 company, winners with a score of 509 out of a possible 600; headquarters company with a score of 476; No. 4 company with a score of 454; No. 2 company with a score of 333; No. 1 company with a score of 299.

The winning team and their scores are as follows:

Major J. R. Kingham 84, Capt. Stuart Robertson 77, Lieut. O. J. Weiler 91, Lieut. J. D. Horne 86, Lieut. C. Wrightman 79, Lieut. B. H. Lamont 92.

The same competition was carried out in respect to the warrant officers and sergeants, five teams of six each, resulting in the headquarters sergeants winning, with a score of 496. No. 3 company 481, No. 4 company 431, No. 2 company 361, No. 1 company 208. The winning team comprised the following scores:

Warrant officers: Major 96, R.S.M. Lindsay 83, Sergt. Regan 85, Sergt. Drysdale 88, Sergt. Courts 85, Sergt. Lashmar 79, Sergt. T. McVie 87.

In both the above shoots each member of the winning team won a turkey.

All sections in the battalion competed in a section shoot, a section being composed of four men, and was open to all companies and headquarters details. Excellent scores were made by the following:

Commanded by Lieut. A. H. W. Paterson: D. F. Boyd 80, A. Webster 73, A. C. N. Smith 93, J. L. Tyrer 86, total 334.

The second prize section, was won by the section of No. 3 company, headed by Lance-Corpl. F. J. Child, who made a score of 89, whose men shot in the following order to make a total of 318:

Second prize section from Lieut. B. H. Lamont, platoon: Lance-Corpl. F. J. Child 89, A. H. Sharpe 73, R. Itala 85, A. C. Cooke 71, total 318.

The third prize consisting of four ducks was won by a section from No. 2 company, from Lieut. A. C. Forbes, platoon: Cpl. Finlay 88, G. W. Tanner 83, J. L. Boyd 92, J. N. Warburton 93, total 314.

The fourth prize consisting of four chickens was won by a section of Lieut. Wm. Oliver's platoon, No. 4 company: J. L. Boyd 88, G. W. Tanner 83, C. Botten 91, Geo. Hill 78, A. Botten 78, total 296.

## Wally Kilrea To Become Member Of London Panthers

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wally Kilrea of the Ottawa Senators, centre and right winger, brother of the famous Hec Kilrea, will join the London team on Thursday. Manager Roy Brothers has communicated with the management of the Ottawa Senators and has assured of Kilrea's services for the balance of the season. Ottawa Senators recently purchased Art Gagne from the Boston Bruins, and this made it possible for young Kilrea to join London.

## Bush Knocked Out

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—Roy Wallace, Indianapolis middleweight, knocked out Chester Bush of Chicago in the second round of a scheduled ten-round boxing contest here last night.

## Art Shires Will Receive \$20,000 For Five Fights

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Five cities in the east and middle west will get a look at Charles Arthur, "The Great" Shires, and Charles Arthur will get \$20,000. Far from being wrecked by a defeat by George Trafton, the pugilistic career of the "Great One" is just nicely started, he says. He has signed for appearances in Detroit, New York, Buffalo, St. Paul and Des Moines, Ia., and plans to keep on fighting until about two weeks before the baseball training season opens. Shires announced that Jackie Fields, world welterweight champion, will aid him in preparing the bouts.

## Richard Shikat In Another Win

New York, Dec. 24.—Richard Shikat, recognized as heavy-weight wrestling champion in New York and Pennsylvania, threw George Manich in fifty minutes, ten seconds of their match here last night. An armlock and a quarter Nelson gave Shikat victory.

The first event on tap to-morrow will be the Junior League football game at the Royal Athletic Park between Victoria City and Royal Oak, commencing at 10:30 o'clock. This will be followed at 11 o'clock by the annual fifty-yard plunge in the Inner Harbor, with seven hardy Victoria swimmers entered. To-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock two all-star eleven selected from the Wednesday and Saturday Leagues will meet in the first game of the Anscomb Cup series at Royal Athletic Park.

With two well-balanced teams picked at 10:30 o'clock, the first game is looked for when the representative teams clash. Both leagues will have their best players on hand, and hope to carry off the honors in the first game and thus get one leg on the trophy.

This series inaugurated last year proved exceptionally popular with keen rivalry being shown between the teams and also the supporters of the two leagues.

The trophy is at present retained by the Saturday League.

Malcolm Craig is acting as manager of the Saturday League, while Teddy Hawkes is looking over the mid-weekers.

The teams and their respective clubs follow:

Saturday League—Goal, Parquhar (Five C's); fullbacks, Joe Crowe (Seaside Thistles), Gibbons (Victoria City); half-backs, Reg. Shanks (Five C's), Boyd (Blanco), McVie (Jokers); forwards, Burgess (Five C's), Price (Thistles), Glancy (Victoria City), Robinson (Victoria West) and Pat Mulcahy (Victoria West).

Players are asked to be at the Y.M.C.A. at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday League—Goal, Restall (Seaside United); fullbacks, A. Whyte (Navy); E. Plummer (Navy); halfbacks, Dyke (Navy), Robinson (Navy), Oakman (Hudson's Bay); forwards, Taylor (Hatchelor's Food Stores), Stan Wright (Hatchelor's Food Stores), Tom Watt (Navy), J. Payne (Hudson's Bay) and J. Cozier (Navy).

The junior teams for the match to-morrow morning follow:

Victoria City—Goal, Moody, Cochran; Robson, Stoffer, Smith; Woolcock, Sheret, Wright, Gibson and Noble. Reserve, Macdonald.

Players will be at clubrooms at 9:30 o'clock.

Royal Oak—Johnston, Leggett, Robson; Williams, Gibson, Seruton; Malher, Barry, Blom, Robbins and Viggers. Reserve, Fye.

## SEVEN SWIMMERS

Although Teddy Shingay will not be over for the Yuletide plunge to be staged under the auspices of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, seven competitors are expected to line the fifty-yard course in front of the Parliament Buildings.

Bill Robertson, Bill Findley, last year's winner, and Pollard and Betty Pollard, all of the Y.A.S.C., and Albert Wilson and Madge Carter of the Y.M.C.A., along with Bert Day, an unattached man, will take part in the event.

The swimmers have been training in the Crystal Garden, and are counted upon to be able to stand the cold water of the plunge. They thrash over the fifty-yard course in front of the Parliament Buildings.

At the conclusion of the event, Mayor Anscomb will present prizes to the different winners.

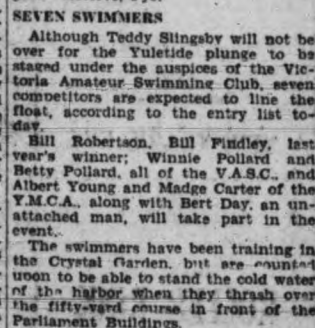
Shingay will try for honors in the Seattle Christmas swim after having competed in several similar races here. This year, owing to the recent rains and lack of hard frosts, the water should be warmer for the contestants than it has been for some seasons. However, it will be considerably different from summer swimming and should furnish plenty of interest for spectators.

Since the event will be run off as a handicap, it will be impossible to estimate how the different contestants will finish. Everyone will be given an equal chance.

The winner of the event will receive the Herbert Perpetual Challenge Cup as well as a gold medal, while the second and third finishers will also be given prizes.

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# Hawks Have Chance To Overtake Rangers

## Bobby Jones on Golf

### Times Special Service

Putter vary more in shape, and weight than any other club which a golfer uses. The necessity of employing in the longer shots a method at least close to the orthodox swing, permits little latitude to the manufacturer in the exercise of his imagination and originality in constructing his clubs. But when it comes to putting there is a way of using with fair success anything from a croquet mallet to a tennis racket. The stroke being short and so easily controlled, within certain limits, that almost any kind of a club can be used which is manageable and has a sufficient amount of face to allow some error in striking the ball.

I began to play golf at a time when the aluminum models—the Ray Mills and Brad Mills—were most popular. The first real putter I owned was a Brad—until its acquisition I had putted with a sawed-off cleek of ancient design—and the second one was a Ray. Then Travis putters began to be popular. This was a wooden putter with a brass sole and a lofted brass face, which was constructed according to the ideas of the greatest putter who ever lived, Walter J. Travis. The shaft entered the centre of the head and all the models which I saw were quite heavy. One scarcely ever sees one of them now, although for a while they were immensely popular.

Beginning soon after that time manufacturers began to build all sorts and kinds of putters, and it was and has been since claimed for each in its turn that it made putting simple for everyone. Most of the new designs have been constructed with the idea of making possible an exact pendulum stroke in which the club-face never for an instant deviates from the proper line, still its proponents overlook the fact, that in order to accomplish it there must be an extensive movement of the arms and body. So long as the

## Miracles of Sport



### A KID-HEADED EARTHQUAKE!

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R. Edgren

## By Robert Edgren

LOU MERRILL, U.C. TRACK TEAM, WALKED 100 YARDS, IN 15.2 SECONDS, AT PHILADELPHIA - 1929.



DR. GEORGE HARTSHALL, U.C. CUP, WALKED THE HILLSIDE, IN 15.2 SECONDS, AT PHILADELPHIA - 1929.



## CAN'T STALL FOR TIME BY "TESTING" BIRDS IN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

By JACK PURCELL

Canadian Badminton Singles Champion.

A rule which was enforced by the officials of the Toronto and District Badminton Association in the semi-final and final games of their tournament held recently provided that a player in these matches must not stop during a set and test out a number of birds until he found one to his liking.



Braddock Matched With Leo Lomski

New York, Dec. 24.—James J. Braddock of Jersey City, and Leo Lomski, Aberdeen, Scotland, have been matched for a ten-round bout in the Chicago Coliseum on January 17. It was announced yesterday by Leonard Sachs, business manager for Jack Dempsey.

## MINOR LEAGUE HOCKEY

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—London Panthers handed the Hamilton Tigers a 6-1 drubbing in an International Professional Hockey League game staged at the London Arena last night.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 24.—The Buffalo Blues last night secured undisputed leadership of the International Professional Hockey League race here by defeating Niagara Falls 3-1.

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## Must Chalk Up Win Over Ottawa Club To Hurdle New York

Youthful Chicago Team Will Tackle Fast Stepping Senators at Home To-night; Detroit Cougars to Tackle New York Americans; Only One Game Scheduled on Christmas Day With Boston Bruins Seeking Eighth Straight Victory at expense of Toronto; Frank Boucher Leads Scorers

New York, Dec. 24.—The National Hockey League does not intend to put much of an active celebration on the Christmas holiday. Only two games are on the schedule for to-night while a third is to be played to-morrow.

To-night's two encounters send the touring Chicago Black Hawks to Ottawa and the Detroit Cougars to New York for a clash with the Americans. The first game may have an important bearing on the American group standing. Both teams stand third in their respective divisions, but Chicago has a chance to oust the New York Rangers from second by winning.

The Black Hawks, after three straight defeats since they left home, are just a point behind the Rangers, Ottawa's Senators, on the other hand, trail the second-place Montreal Maroons by three points. The first clash between these two teams more than a month ago brought a 5-4 victory for Ottawa after a stirring overtime battle.

At New York the embattled Americans may or may not reverse the decision against Detroit. They lost the first encounter early this month by a 3-2 count. Since then they have made a fairly good showing at times, although victories have been few and far between. Detroit, however, also has been doing well. In its recent games, carrying its fourth place total to thirteen points against four for the Americans. Boston's league-leading Bruins go after their eighth straight victory to-morrow with the Cougars as their opponents. Boston as usual, is favored on its recent record and a 6-5 victory at the start of the season, but the Leafs always are capable of bringing forth surprises.

## CITY SERVICES ARE GUESTS AT JOLLY BANQUET

Alderman and Mrs. John A. Worthington Hosts to Civic Administration of 1929

Aldermen William Marchant and John Harvey Showered With Good Wishes

Aldermen John Worthington and Mrs. John A. Worthington were hosts last night at a jolly banquet held at the Dominion Hotel. Mayor Amos and members of the 1929 City Council, with heads of city departments and others from the city services, were invited guests at an informal and jolly party.

Alderman Worthington, who presided as chairman and toastmaster, said: "I thought I would like to take an opportunity of meeting my fellow aldermen and various civic officials in this friendly way to express to my colleagues on the City Council my appreciation for their good fellowship, and to thank the officials of the various city departments for the assistance I have had from them in the service of the city. I am sure that they will meet them very much during the coming year. They were always willing to assist me with their experience."

Mayor Amos spoke of the pleasant association he had had with the aldermen and the various city officials, and expressed his confidence in the City Council of 1929.

Alderman John Harvey referred, in response to the pleasant associations he had had with successive councils, including the present panel. He had been associated ever by the best motives in his service, and it was his intention to stage a "come-back" said Mr. Harvey, to the City Council in the future, he said, it would be well for Victoria to reach out after business and industry, as any city that attempted to live self-sufficiently without the aid of the outside world would be doomed to failure.

Alderman William Marchant added his thanks for the expressions of good will tendered to himself and Mr. Harvey at the meeting. He had served the city as mayor and alderman, and left the service with sincere regret. Mr. Marchant referred in humorous vein to many incidents in his long experience on the council, and closed by thanking all for their kindly regards.

Alderman E. S. Woodward sponsored the toast to "The Visionary," responded to by ex-Alderman David Leeming and Capt. George McGregor. The toast to "The Press" was moved by Alderman H. O. Litchfield, and responded to by Mayor Amos. Alderman J. L. Mac and William Cullen added their tribute to what had been said in reference to the retiring members of the council.

With regard to their sight-seeing trip, Alderman Woodward who played 61, were given 50c. Each. These funds were cut to ridiculous rates—simply because they thought to freeze out the small people, many of whom were on the trip.

There were three in the Victoria Tour Co.—The 60c. tickets in they have been something that can't be taken back, and now it seems they don't like their own medicine.

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## BIG MAN-HUNT AFTER DEATH

Chicago Coroner's Jury's Finding Intensifies Search For F. Burke

Chicago, Dec. 24.—An assassin disguised as a policeman, who marched with a band of killers into a north side garage last St. Valentine's Day and slaughtered seven gangsters, was named as Fred Burke by a coroner's jury yesterday.

He was the same Fred Burke whose quick trigger ended a traffic argument by killing a St. Joseph, Michigan, policeman last week, and it was trail of the St. Joseph killer that led to a coroner's jury finding that he was the man who shot the two sub-machine guns identified yesterday as the weapons which were used to kill the seven clannish of George Moran ten months ago.

Identification of Burke's machine guns as the massacre weapons was the last link Coroner H. N. Burdette needed, he said, for bringing together his chain of evidence against one of the killers. Burke previously had been suspected, witnesses having pointed out his regalia's gallery picture as that of one of the assassins.

Col. Calving Goddard, firearm expert, forced the final link by testifying under oath that the sub-machine guns found in Burke's St. Joseph home were the ones which fired the bullets that tore the slain gangsters. Microscopic measurements and ballistics established that fact, Col. Goddard said.

Now, the authorities are doubling their search for the fugitive killer, and have only to arrest him to establish a motive for the wholesale murders. Burke was last known as a liquor "bottle" so he killed the Moran liquor gangsters it was because he was hired to do it, the authorities believe.

Burke's reputation pictures him as a bank robber and gunman who has been in and out of prison many times. Although while he resided in St. Joseph he was a quiet appearing man.

THE TRAIL OF THE machine guns leads through a labyrinth of probabilities. Col. Goddard testified they had been fired considerably since that day last February. The authorities are continuing their work quietly, concentrating now on finding Burke.

The coroner's jury recommended that Burke be held to the grand jury for murder for the slaying of James Clark and Dr. Reinhold Schwimmer, two of the massacre victims. It was indicated the jury might make other recommendations concerning Peter von Frankenstein.

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# Merry Christmas

## The Lost Christmas of Olden Days

In olden times every little community, from glittering court to country house or lonely hamlet, made sure of enjoying the Christmas holidays by appointing a Lord of Misrule. From Christmas Eve till Twelfth Night this merry monarch reigned supreme.

Duly supported by mock chancellors and other dignitaries the king of revels had charge of all the good fare, and took under his wing the minstrelsy, mumming, masquerading and all the hundred-and-one lighthearted festivities which our ancestors beguiled every evening for two weeks. In Scotland he was known as the Abbot of Unreason. Puritanism preached down these ancient English revels early in the seventeenth century. Early Christmas morning boys knocked at every door to collect cheese, money and gingerbread, and no woman considered it lucky to cross her threshold till they had come and gone. But Christmas in earnest started at dinner with the boar's head, which was brought in amidst acclamation by two of the Lord of Misrule's lustiest bodyguards. It was preceded by a huntsman clothed in green and with a drawn falchion in his hand followed by two pages in suits of taffety saraguet each with a mass of mustard. The oldest English carol, printed by Wynkyn de Worde of the original edition of which only the last page has ever been discovered, tells all about it.

The boar's head in brine I  
With earls and say had rosemary  
I pray you all sing merrily.

Reading between the lines we gather that soused boar's head never shone as a delicacy. But it was times honored sacred dish, probably brought over by the Vikings, and after all was not so bad with plenty of mustard and minstrelsy.

The main course of the dinner consisted of the great pie, often weighing as much as a hundredweight, filled with turkeys, geese, game, pork and mutton served piping hot. These were accompanied by cranes, herons, bittern, partridge and snipe. And a hot pretty dish reserved specially for ladies was a hot stew of larks.

Dinner over the revels began and afterwards, if you caught the Lord of Misrule's eye and were not obviously having a good time there would be trouble. If he sang a song and called for a chorus he meant it. But you could not help being carried away by all the good things he provided. When the minstrels, with bagpipe, hautboy,

trumpet, drum and fife—for they were great jammers—struck up with: We are come over the moor and the moss We dance on holly hoes And a wild worm for to flee!

It was not exaggeration of the entertainment shortly to take place. Then was the heyday of the mummings with their "fine and subtle disguisings." In they would troop, their heads thrust into masks of hares, oxen, goats or dogs as a precious old picture of Edward III's time shows us. One of the best turns, of course, concerns St. George, the Turk and the Dragon. The Turk had a very thin time, and there was always a long queue for St. George's part.

Another delight was the hobby horse who would soon perform a Morris dance with six partners disguised in reindeer heads. The draped horse of thin boards between his legs had a ladie stuck in its mouth for your money. One thing was certain; whatever your dancing partner resembled it would not be a man.

Prettiest conceit of all, perhaps, was the savage men's show. Their other names was woodhouse and they were clothed with hairy skins to represent savage men of the woods. They trundled in a small mountain, brightly decorated with artificial sprigs of broom and silk flowers and on which gracefully reclined four gallants. What were these richly-attired youngsters waiting for? Soon the mount would open as if by magic and out of its dark recesses there would step four beautiful damsels, and down would bound their partners to join them in a specialty dance. Surely the first exhibition ballroom dancers!

These were the sort of frolicsome revels that the Lord of Misrule reigned over. With his inexhaustible store of players, jugglers, tumblers, his sweet maids Marion and glee-maidens always with those hard-working minstrels in the background ready to accompany anything at a moment's notice—what chance had dull care in his domains until Twelfth Night?

Even the Inns of Court had their Lord of Misrule. The judges attended every day and under barriers were required to dance before their Lordships under pain of their marked displeasure, "for these dances are thought necessary as much conducing to the making of gentlemen more fit for their books at other times."

Charles II's England laughed at the demise of Misrule and Unreason and would have welcomed their return, having a strong desire to bring back that ripe spirit of the true old English Christmas.

## Tricks for the Party

The most welcome guest at a Christmas party is always the person who can "do something." And if the "something" is a few simple tricks his popularity is unbounded.

Cut a round hole the exact size of a twenty-five cent piece in an old handkerchief. This is easily done by pencilling the circumference. Now challenge the company to pass a fifty cent piece through the hole without tearing or stretching the latter. Attempts may be made—the handkerchief must be held out flat and taut—but the verdict will be "impossible!"

Not so, however. Fold the handkerchief so that the crease runs across the middle of the hole. Drop a fifty cent piece into the fold so that a small portion falls through the hole. Now, bit by bit, lift the ends of the crease, keeping the handkerchief taut. Gradually the coin will pass through the hole! An experiment will show you why.

Here is another handkerchief trick. Two are required. You throw them into the air and they descend tied together. Up again and they fall untied.

For this trick you need a very small indiarubber band. Buy two before Christmas, stretch them out and paint them flesh color. Slip the band when no one is looking over the thumb and forefinger of the right hand. Keep them close together.

Now pick up the handkerchiefs—one corner of each—with your left hand and place them between thumb and forefinger of the right, just below the band. The latter will be invisible but—apparently for room to throw—you can stand a few feet from the watching company.

As you prepare to throw the handkerchiefs up—"patter" something funny as you do—you allow the band to slip and encircle the handkerchiefs. Up then they go and descend apparently tied. Pick one up gently by the corner and as you throw again give that one a jerk. That frees the band and the handkerchiefs descend untied. While they are being examined slip a spare band on your fingers so that you may be "ready to repeat the trick."

## The Christmas Tree That Saved a Town

While the Spaniards were preparing the Armada against England they were also waging a religious war in Holland. There the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition brought many Protestants from other countries to help the Dutch. So it was no surprise to find gathered together in a certain house in the town of Harlem, which was being besieged, some French and German soldiers as well as the Fleming and his wife and children.

Christmas Eve and everybody thinking what an uncomfortable Christmas it would be, with food shortage and danger ever threatening at the walls. Now, you must know that in Elizabeth's reign—the time of this true story—Christmas trees were unknown in England, France and Holland. But they had long been the custom everywhere in Germany. And so when at midnight the German officer told the children he had a great surprise for them in the attic, you can guess what he meant.

Everybody trooped upstairs, the German soldiers with smiles on their faces. When the door was opened there before the astonished eyes of the little Dutch boys and girls, stood the first Christmas tree they had ever seen, ablaze with a hundred candles.

But even as they shouted with joy and a stealthy commotion outside announced that the Spanish were making a surprise assault, for this house stood close to the walls. In dismay the soldiers were making hastily for the stairs when the Fleming had an idea. He called them to stop for a moment, and suddenly flung open the boarded windows that overlooked the ramparts just at the point that was being attacked.

Instantly the Spaniards saw the hundred candles, and all around the tree, which they could not understand, the soldiers and defenders of the town. They were amazed and fearing to fall into an ambush, scrambled back over the walls and beat a hasty retreat.

So the first Dutch Christmas tree saved a town and brought the children a very happy Christmas.

## Christmas Among Savages

By A WOMAN EXPLORER

Christmas east of Suez is apt to be as topsy-turvy as an incident out of "Alice through the Looking Glass." I remember a banquet in Persia where the officials were repulsed with decorations because a Perso-Baghdadi happened to be passing through.

The whole of the English colony, in its very best frocks, was playing that intriguing game which consists of passing round under the table a series of queer objects, such as a peeled hard-boiled egg, a fur glove filled with sand or something damp and feathery, and guessing what they are by the feel of them.

When the laughter was verging on hysteria—owing to the sensations produced by clutching something warm and woolly which squelched—a magnificent servant in scarlet and gold announced that the religious magazine, corresponding to our Archbishop, had sent his Excellency a present.

The Perso-Baghdadi demanded its immediate production and the horrified protests of the domestic were lost in the babel of anticipation. It was produced and it consisted of half a dozen lively mountain rams, who charged into the room with the object of getting as much fun as possible out of their Christmas party. Ours simply disappeared before the onslaught. Much later the more timid were collected from the flat mud roof, where they had been in close communion with the chimney pots!

In the East every great festival is connected not only with feasting but with sacrifice. I spent one Christmas in the tents of an Arab tribe who were sufficiently heretical to recognize their quest's right to his own particular brand of religion. Consequently they helped me to celebrate the worship of an unknown Deity by driving three bullocks up to the door of my tent and killing them there.

Shattered by this incident, which had occurred while I was trying to wash in a glassful of muddy water, perfumed with sprigs of mint, I could hardly face the subsequent feast, which consisted of two sheep roasted whole and stuffed with a flock of little birds.

The Sheikh, surprised at my lack of appetite, informed me that he could devour a well-grown lamb at a sitting, and, in order to encourage me, he did so.

In Albania you can appoint someone else to eat for you and in Abyssinia, where I spent a hectic Christmas among the Copts, I was obliged to devour a whole with a stronger head than mine to respond in kind to the innumerable toasts.

That was perhaps my oddest Christmas dinner, for most of it was raw.

In the morning there had been a procession, during which the talents of Moses, supposed to have been stolen with the Ark of the Covenant from the Holy of Holies in the Temple of Jerusalem 3,000 years ago by Menelik, first Jewish Emperor of Ethiopia, son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, were carried in procession round the village of mud and wattle huts which was once the splendid capital of the Shebas.

The priests walked under fringed velvet umbrellas, aspen-purple and poppy-red, and realistic banners depicted the tortures of ancient martyrs, but all the saints were black and only the devil was white.

The Christmas feast began at midday, when the whole population of the town gathered in the market square, each group with a monstrous jar of teddy, the potent native beer, in the centre of it.

From the palace of a local chieftain came a procession bearing the skinned carcasses of oxen, slung by the hoofs from poles decorated with strips of embroidered velvet. The slaves bore the meat to each guest in turn, who with his own knife, sliced off the portion he wanted and proceeded to eat it with guttural sounds indicative of appreciation.

"Raw meat makes warriors—only women eat cooked flesh," is the slogan of peasant Abyssinia, but on that occasion the teddy proved too strong even for the warriors.

At first the square resembled a field of maracas, for every man wore a spotted white robe. By the time the carcasses were stripped to the bone it looked more like a battlefield, for every chamma—six yards of white woolen stuff worn as a shawl and petticoat combined—was splashed with crimson.

When the Aladdin jars were emptied it might have been a crop mown for harvest, for every man was prostrate and apparently remained so for twenty-four hours. Unfortunately my guide was among the revellers and I had to buy him a pair of brand new charms to put in his shoes "to keep his feet on the right path" before he would contemplate continuing the journey.

In the unregenerate days of Papua before Australia took it in hand, I went to a Christmas feast near the Stanley range.

The missionary who had intended to supervise the gambols of his flock was down with fever, but he had taken the precaution of doling out sufficient red flannel to every savage to provide a decent covering.

"Kills, you know," he rambled after his sixteenth dose of quinine. "That's

## Some Curious Crackers

One of the biggest surprises ever sprung upon the guests at a Christmas party was put over by a millionaire who gave a sumptuous Yuletide feast.

When crackers and dessert were on the table two liveried footmen suddenly appeared at one end of the great dining hall carrying between them a large silver dish, upon which reposed the biggest thing in Christmas crackers that anyone present had ever seen.

The men deposited their burden on the floor in the middle of the room and then marched solemnly out. Scarcely had they disappeared before the centre of the cracker flew up, and out of the opening sprang the host's youngest daughter, disguised as a dainty little fairy.

The child performed a spirited dance, then slipped back to her cracker, only to reappear almost at once with a number of costly presents, which she handed round among the delighted guests.

Some crackers though quite small, have been decidedly out of the common. There was a young man who offended a rich uncle by marrying a girl without money. The youthful pair were happy enough as husband and wife, but their luck seemed out otherwise, and they became poorer and poorer. When Christmas Day came round they could afford no kind of festivity and resigned themselves to make the best of a bad job.

They did not feel greatly cheered therefore, when a box arrived from the rich uncle containing two insignificant looking crackers. These were their only Christmas presents and they naturally concluded that the old man was having a rather bitter joke at their expense.

After their apology for a Christmas dinner they pulled the cracker. Then came the surprise. One contained a crisp hundred dollar bill, the other an invitation from the rich uncle to visit him that night. It was the old man's way of telling them they were forgiven. So what looked like a mockery

the ideal! You'll think yourself in the Highlands!

But the converts had no desire to emulate the clans. It was terribly hot and every man wore the skin that heaven had given him, richly tattooed of course and adorned with dog's teeth and a neat waist-belt of string.

The red flannel had come in very useful. It made truly magnificent turbans out of which leaked strands of fiercely bushy hair, by whose volume manhood is measured in New Guinea, the whole surmounted by lobster claws and a couple of birds of Paradise.

## Men Who Would Kill Christmas

By DEAN INGE

It is curious how slow the church is to recognize the most popular of all religious festivals. We are told that the observance of December 25, as the birthday of Christ, began at Rome about the middle of the fourth century and spread thence to the East. In 587 Augustine baptised 10,000 English converts on Christmas day. By that time it had won its way to complete recognition.

The truth is that there is no authentic tradition that Christ was born in the winter. The date was chosen because the Pagans had been used to a jolly festival at the end of the year and would not give it up. If the church would not recognize it the priests of Mithras would; they celebrated the birthday of the "Invincible Sun" on Christmas day. So the people had their wish and the children's festival was very appropriately connected with the birth of the Saviour.

Most of our Christmas customs are pre-Christian, and are none the worse for that. At the Roman December holiday, the Saturnalia, a great feature was complete social equality during the days of the festival. The slaves, usually treated so brutally, were allowed to say and do what they liked—they might even speak home truths to their masters.

Here as some rules which a second century writer puts into the mouth of the Father Christmas of the day:

All business is forbidden. Only cooks and confectioners are allowed to work. All men shall be equal, slave and free, rich and poor. Anger and quarrelling are strictly prohibited. All conversation shall be merry and witty. There shall be no precedence at table and all shall have the same food and wine. When the rich man feasts his slaves, the master, and his friends shall wait upon them.

New Year's Day soon followed, when the Romans gave each other Christmas presents. "Another great quality of the festival," says a fourth century writer, "is that it teaches not to hold too fast to their money"—a lesson that Ebenezer Scrooge had to learn.

In the middle Ages the church was so indubitably the base of the whole social and political pyramid that it was not obliged always to stand on its dignity. When all the gradations of the feudal system were turned topsy-turvy for a few days, why should not the church join in the fun?

The boy bishop was a chorister, chosen by his companions, who dressed in cope and mitre and marched into the cathedral, with the dignitaries of the chapter as his vergers and tabernacle-bearers. At St. Paul's he invited himself to dine with the Dean, with a train of fifteen, including four big canons. Mr. Miles, in his admirable book about Christmas described a record sermon of the boy bishop from the cathedral pulpit of St. Paul's church, preceded by abiding prayer, in which the little chorister refers to "the worshipful Lord, my brother the Bishop of London your diocesan" and "my worshipful brother the dean of this cathedral church."

It is difficult to believe that the boy bishop was allowed to celebrate mass, but in some places we are told that this was done. Even less decorous, to our ideas, was the "Feast of Fools," when a donkey was brought into the church to the accompaniment of ribald verses, and at Beauvais the priest and people had to pray at intervals during the Eucharistic service.

The chief European nations have their own special customs in keeping Christmas. The Christmas tree comes from Germany, and is not a very old institution in England. The yule log belongs to rural France and to the East of Europe.

The Italians have their bambino and the sacred crib which they call prepio. This pretty custom has spread in the Roman Catholic Church everywhere. The decoration of houses with evergreen goes back to the Roman Empire and the mistletoe to Scandinavia.

of the festival day turned out in the end to be the very happiest Christmas they could remember!

Another young couple in similar predicament received a distinctly original message on the morning of the first Christmas Day after their marriage. In this case the young man's father had threatened to cut his son off for marrying without parental approval.

Upon the Christmas morning in question a special messenger arrived at the young people's door with a perforated box. In it they found a very odd looking cracker; it looked like a fair-sized oblong box, but otherwise it was in the form of a cracker.

The inquisitive couple pulled the cracker, which at once came apart. When to their delight and astonishment, out flew a dove! The hint was promptly taken; off they went to the

vian mythology, for Balder was shot with a mistletoe dart.

The practice of kissing under the mistletoe seems to be purely English. The English girls, as Erasmus discovered to his great satisfaction were very free with their kisses.

Christmas is thus a jolly secular feast consecrated by religion. It was not to be expected that ecclesiastics should never frown upon these merry observances. For some unexplained reason they specially objected to decorations which were forbidden quite ineffectively by a bishop in the sixth century.

In a sermon attributed, we may hope falsely, to St. Augustine of Hippo, the preacher laments that at this season the people wear masks like animals, give "diabolical presents" to each other, load their tables with good cheer and so forth. "Let us therefore fast my beloved brethren on those days."

The Puritans took Christmas in hand in earnest. In 1644 the Long Parliament appointed a day of fast and humiliation on December 25. But the people would not have it. It was complained that some even continued to play cards at Christmas, and in 1647 the Lord Mayor and City Marshal had a busy day burning the holly and mistletoe which adorned the streets of the city of London.

The Bolsheviks are making a determined effort to prevent the observance of Christmas, which must be peculiarly hateful to those morose and cruel fanatics. But even the submissive Russian will not stand quite everything, and their religion is now their only innocent consolation.

Unhappily we have many persons of the same type at home, they are not often genuine working men. They pride themselves on what they call class consciousness the very thing Christmas exists to abolish. Their minds are so utterly poisoned by hatred and envy, because they see some people better off than ourselves, that every kindly feeling every generous impulse, every sense of the fun and humor of life have been extinguished by a brooding habit of anger and bitterness which is almost satanic. For such as these there can be no Christmas. We must leave them to inhale their own poison gas. Would that it might choke them!

Of all the old traditional customs connected with Christmas perhaps none is more worthy of observance than the leveling of all social barriers. There are still too many relics of class distinctions, though class privileges are almost a thing of the past. And now that democracy has been established as a form of government, manners which a hundred years ago were accepted as right and national towards "inferiors" are resented.

I am inclined to think that these old fashioned airs of superiority have more to do with class bitterness than is generally recognized.

They are out of date, not only because we are all politically equal, but because education and other civilization influences have really made the old distinctions meaningless.

The English are now a well mannered nation, as they were not 100 years ago. The main obstacle is that every English failing, shyness, which is apt to stimulate unsuitable qualities with which it has nothing to do.

There are always many opportunities at Christmas time of showing kindness and sympathy to the lonely, the forgotten, and the unlucky, a large class who drop out of sight and out of mind, not from unkindness, but because we are too busy to think of them.

Do not let us be too superior or too modest to keep Christmas as it has been kept for 2,000 years and more. Emotionally we are very old, intellectually we are very young. The cynic who thinks he has outgrown the half serious and half playful observance of old traditions is a foolish and unlovable person. The wise man knows how to play the fool, and in doing so to give vent to a warm, humanity of which he has no reason to be ashamed.

once stern parent with thoroughly reasonable results!

A tug-of-war cracker was probably one of the most expensive ever made measuring about six feet from end to end. A silk cord hung from the two openings and one or more guests at either side of the table took hold of the cord and pulled. When the cracker had thus been pulled apart the two halves were found to contain a number of very expensive Christmas gifts for distribution among the lucky guests.

Another curious cracker was that of a gold miner who happened to be home in time for Christmas morning. He had a large gold nugget placed inside a special cracker and gave it to his sweetheart on the festival day. That was the first indication of his return from abroad.

Their next festivity was a wedding.







## GREATER AREA FAVORS C.N.R. PORT PROPOSAL

Esquimalt, Saanich and Oak Bay Join Victoria in Request to Company

Council to Appeal From Inter-switch Construction Cost Levy

Victoria's move to have the Canadian National Railways steamship services here received hearty endorsement from Esquimalt and Saanich yesterday, when letters of approval of the City's stand were read at a City Council meeting, from the respective municipalities. Oak Bay has already signified its endorsement of the request, which makes it unanimous, in so far as the southern portion of Vancouver Island is concerned.

In a brief business meeting, held yesterday afternoon, the City Council went through its agenda in half an hour. A suggestion by North Vancouver for the creation of a Provincial Town Planning commission to advise smaller municipalities, was referred to the zoning committee for consideration.

The "On to the Peace" Association of Vancouver asked for a cash donation to help further an educational campaign in favor of a seaboard Pacific outlet for the Peace River district. The request for a grant was passed to the 1930 council.

The finance committee recommended the City's contribution to the funerals of all indigents be raised from \$20, now paid, to \$30, which was said to be common in other municipalities. The council approved of the move to bring Victoria into line in this respect with what is being done elsewhere.

The works committee asked leave to proceed with the laying of a six-inch waterpipe on Rose Street, between Millside and Topaz Avenue, at a cost of \$1,785. The money was voted for the purpose from funds available. The sum of \$75 was allotted to the erection of a mesh screen at the city garbage wharf, to cut down dust troubles, long a source of complaint.

No discussion was held on the interchange switch question on the industrial reserve. The council voted unanimously to inform the railways concerned that the city intended to appeal from the findings of the Board of Railway Commissioners, which has assessed the city one-third of construction cost of the proposed facility.

## Colwood

An innovation of a "Mock" Radio Christmas entertainment from station GOOD, Colwood, was broadcasted Saturday evening in Colwood Hall, with Reggie Pierce, a senior pupil of Colwood school, taking the part of announcer. The scene opened with a seaside home gathering, father, mother and three small children tuning in on GOOD, Colwood. These parts were ably taken by Mrs. Atkins, mother; Kenneth Wright, father; children, Kenneth Robinson, Marvin Parker and Bobby Page. The recent improvements to Colwood Hall, which have greatly improved the acoustic properties, added greatly to the receiving of the very excellent programme as follows:

Chorus, "The Maple Leaf," school; recitation, "Christmas Time," Bobby Little; recitation, "Fun to be an Eskimo," Charlie Carnegie; song "Dear Old Santa," school; dialogue, "Hard to Please," Eleanor Peatt and Kenneth Hannan; recitation, "My Doll," Olive Cockerton; dialogue, "Playing Grown-up," Mildred Peatt and Ethel Brown; song "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," school; solo, sung by Mildred Peatt and Ethel Brown; recitation, "Posers," Greta Hedden; recitation, "Christmas Questions," Joan Godfrey; song "Dance of the Elves," school; recitation, "When Company Comes," Lily Dotti; song "Jingle Bells," school; reading "How Jimmy Tended The Baby," Wilfred Harle; carol, "Angels Sweetly Singing," school; dialogue, "The New Man," Ruth and Norman Barton.

Many tables were in play at the weekly card party Wednesday evening in Colwood Hall, the winners being Mrs. Frank Hughes and Hugh Bidley, while those holding low score were Mrs. Hunt and C. Gummerson. Announcement was made that J. P. Robinson held high score for the month, having had that honor now two months in succession and if successful next month will be the winner of the silver ash tray. Mrs. R. Murray and Miss Jessie Enkine were tie for the ladies monthly count but on the draw, Mrs. Murray was the winner.

Over two hundred guests attended the popular dance, the first of the season, of the Colwood Burns Club, Friday evening in Colwood Hall. The dances, mainly old time Scotch dances, included the popular dances of the day, as well. Mackie's orchestra supplied the music.

Excitement ran high during the awarding of the tombolas, which were many, and of a diversified type. The committee are grateful for the following donations: Turkey, W. Wishart; Christmas cake, Mrs. Godfrey; plum pudding, Mrs. R. Murray; two Christmas cakes, Rennie and Taylor; two boxes of apples, A. Godfrey; one box of apples, Major T. Godfrey; two chickens, R. W. Robinson; two chickens, R. W. Robinson; two chickens, Mrs. H. Parker. The fortunate winners of awards included, Mrs. McKenzie, B. Parker, and Mrs. C. Carnegie.

Colwood Hall had been transformed into Christmas fairland, with artistic Christmas decorations of evergreen, tinsel, ribbon festoons, balloons and brilliant pointillists.

The success of this opening dance of the season of the Colwood Burns Club was undoubtedly due to the united efforts of the energetic and enthusiastic Colwood Hall committee, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Hopwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wishart, Mesdames E. Wishart, R. Murray and H. Parker.

Miss Margaret Peatt, who is on the

## HE IS MINISTER OF DEVOTIONAL AFFAIRS



ROSS JUNG

one of the Victoria members of the Older Boys' Club, who will commence his work when the session opens at the Parliament Buildings on Friday evening.

teaching staff of the Spences Bridge School, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Peatt.

## GERMANY IS WINNING WAR IN ECONOMICS

Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson Tells Gyros of Rapid Industrial Expansion

Germany is again at war, this time in an economical sense, and she is not waiting a losing fight, in the opinion of Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson, who addressed the Gyro Club at luncheon in the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Everyone in Germany is working and through combined industrial effort and heavy taxation is getting out from under the immense burden imposed by the Treaty of Versailles, said Dr. Wilson, who discussed his impressions of the country formed on a recent trip. Richness of agricultural areas, scarcity of loose money, lack of luxuries and rapid industrial development were among the major points which had impressed him about Germany, the speaker said.

He was warmly thanked for his address by President Harry Dawson. Christmas greetings from various Gyro Clubs were read by Secretary W. Hudson.

The chairman announced the club would next week entertain members of the Older Boys' Club. In a letter from Mayor Herbert Anscomb the club was warmly thanked for its civic interest in promoting the "Use-Your-Vote" idea prior to the elections recently. It showed community spirit on the part of the club and was a service to the electorate as a whole, the mayor pointed out.

## SANTA BRINGS TURKEYS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Santa Claus visited the Pacific Club at the week-end with a motor truck load of presents. After the ceremonies and celebration attending his arrival the following found their stockings weighed down with big fat turkeys: J. Cameron, A. B. Crombie, W. Ryndop, A. H. Mitchell, A. W. Miller, D. B. Hartle, A. S. O. Musgrave, W. Hyalop, A. Eek, Ken McCarter, G. Briscoe, F. O. Morris, A. W. Miller, E. T. Hughes, E. A. Courtney, G. W. Hart, V. G. Hollins, L. Tweedie, H. K. Anstie, D. S. Tait and Col. Scroggie.

Ken McCarter found himself particularly favored by Santa, as he had two fat gobblers in his stockings. In the stockings of Ralph Berrill, A. P. Chapman, Jr., J. Finlay, W. S. Fraser and P. McCarter, Santa tucked big Virginia hams.

For F. F. Higgs he brought a box of cigars. After unloading his presents, Santa Claus entertained the members of the club with refreshments, accompanied by singing on the part of the members.

Herbert Wise, in special Christmas costume, and Jack Grimsdon, in Irish plus fours, drove the reindeers for Santa and helped him unload.

## Happy Valley

An audience of over two hundred enjoyed an excellent Christmas concert by the pupils of the Happy Valley School Thursday evening in Luxton Hall. A Hankin, secretary of the school board, occupied the chair. The programme was as follows: "Oh Canada," school; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," school; recitation, "Making People Happy," John Cato; recitation, "No Fooling," Ruth Anderson; butterfly drill, Violet Bailey and Elsie Butt; butterflies; flowers, Elsie Hutchinson, Elva Hobbs, Fairy Welch, Kathleen Hood, Adeline Rhode, Phyllis Locke, Norma and Alice McLeod; recitation, "Christmas Dinner," Edward Anderson; Christmas customs of other lands, Esther and Catherine Hutchinson; Vernice Jacobs, Shirley Smith, Mary Woodruff, Peggy Heath, John Cato and Edward Butt; sketch, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," old woman, Elsie Hutchinson; Mother Goose, Fairy Welch; Roy Blue, George Hutchinson; Bo Peep, Catherine Oliver; Miss Muffet, Adeline Rhode; Jack Horner, Lawrence Rhode; Humpty Dumpty, Gilbert Anderson; Red Riding Hood, Norma McLeod; Jack and Jill, Violet Bailey and Billy McKay; old woman of Leel, Violet Woodruff; children in the shoe, Elsie Butt, Ada, John and Teddy Griffin, Elva Hobbs, Alice McLeod, Alex. McKay, Fairy Welch, Edith Woodruff, Sandy Cato, Jack Oliver, Phyllis and Dorine Lock; recitation, "Teddy Chatter," Billy McKay; playlet, "Lost Camel," Neil McKay; Cadi; Wilbur Rhode, Dervish; four Arabs, Edward Butt, Edwin Anderson, Fred Griffin, Billy McKay; two servants, John Cato and Lawrence Rhode; dialogue, "Old-fashioned Lovers," Ada Griffin and Marie Schmunk; mock trial, judge, Wilbur Rhode; lawyers, Vernice Smith and Momy McKay; prisoner, Ruth Anderson; warden, Margaret McEwan; clerks, Neil McKay and Edward Anderson; jury, Tena MacLeod, John Cato, Edward Butt, Fred Griffin, Shirley Smith, Marie Schmunk, Ruth Griffin, Mary Woodruff, Vernice Jacobs, Peggy Heath, Catherine Hutchinson, Esther Hutchinson; witness, Elsie McLeod. The able accompanist was Miss Evelyn Smith.

The committee in charge of arrangements are grateful to Scott and Peden and J. G. Crosby for generous donations.

Immediately following the serving of refreshments a genial and jolly Santa Claus arrived and distributed to all the children useful and pretty gifts.

At the close of the evening the drawing took place for the comforter made by the members of the Luxton and Happy Valley Women's Institute, the fortunate winner being J. A. S. Yates of Langford, holding blue ticket No. 34.

At the card party held on Friday evening in the Marigold Hall, under the auspices of the Garden City Women's Institute, fifteen tables were in play. The four turkeys given as prizes were won by the following: first

lady, Mrs. Gorton; first gentleman, Mr. Davis; second lady, Miss K. Drennon; second gentleman, Mr. F. P. Mitchell; consolation, Mrs. Sinclair and Mr. Hooper. Refreshments were served at the close of the game by Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Nix, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Gorton. In the drawing for the turkey, Miss Hancock was the fortunate winner with ticket number thirteen.

## Shirley

The school Christmas tree was held at the school house December 20. There was a good attendance, visitors from Sooke, Otter Point, Jordan River and Victoria. An excellent programme was given by the pupils, arranged by Mr. Storch, assisted by Mr. McCandless, the accompanist being Mrs. M. A. Clark. The programme was as follows:

"O Canada," by the school pupils; a four scene play, "Cinderella," in modern dress; recitation, "Our Echo," by Winifred Arden; recitation, "A Rain-bow," by Arthur Clark; recitation, "What I Shall Be," by Gladys Clark; song, "Get Out and Get Under," by three boys, Jim Arden, Les Clark and Sturdie Arden; recitation, "Going to Church," by Hazel Clark; recitation, "Visit of St. Nicholas," Earl Clark; recitation, "The Unbroken Song," by Douglas Clark; song, "Coming Through the Rye," by four girls, Irene, Hazel, Gladys Clark and Winifred Arden; recitation, "The Dummy Line," by Jim Arden; recitation, "Land of Story Books," by Kenneth Clark; comic song, "Gay Cabalero," by three boys, Les Clark, Jim and Sturdie Arden;

recitation, "Time to Rise," by Henry Davis; song, "Good King Wenceslas," by school.

Santa arrived early and distributed gifts and a hearty cheer was given him by the leaving also one for the teacher who presented a book to each of his pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bremmer have left for Victoria, and will visit in Seattle before returning to Shirley.

Miss Evelyn Clark has returned home for the Christmas holidays.

## Metchosin

Metchosin Hall was gaily decorated last night for the annual entertainment and concert when a large number of parents and friends gathered to hear a short but very attractive programme given by the pupils. The chair was taken by the vicar, the Rev. H. M. Bolton, and the programme opened with a recitation, "A Christmas Reunion," by Beth Elwood. This was followed by a little play, "Dream Doll," by the school in many and varied costumes and was very funny and very well done, causing great amusement, next came a recitation, "Kitty Wee," by Elizabeth Pearce, Carola, sung by all the pupils were much enjoyed. A recitation, "Christmas Eve in Holland," by Dorothy Field, was followed by an "Acrostic" by Daisy Baker, and an action song, "If We Were Christmas Trees," brought the programme to a close. The audience showing their appreciation of the efforts made by the teacher, Miss Hart and of the pupils by prolonged applause. All the songs and carols were

accompanied on the piano by Mrs. G. F. Weir. After the singing of the National Anthem, a genial Santa Claus in the person of W. G. Milsted, distributed the gifts from the tree to the delighted and excited children. Supper was then served and the room cleared for dancing to the music of the pianola.

The election of officers took place and resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. Lawrie (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. Warner; secretary, Mrs. C. L. Styan (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Young; director, Mrs. Sherring. The president thanked the directors and members for their support during the past year. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the following hostesses: Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. W. D. Mitchell, Mrs. Sutherland and Miss Ona Young.

## Keating

The annual meeting of the South Saanich Women's Institute was held in the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening with the president, Mrs. H. Lawrie, in the chair. Mrs. C. L. Styan gave the secretary's report on the year's work, which showed that the institute had a membership of fifty-two and an average attendance of twenty-five. Twelve regular meetings were held during the year and a number of demonstrations and addresses were given at the meetings. The financial statement was given by Mrs. Mosher. A sum of money was set aside to purchase a gramophone for Keating School. It was decided to entertain the institute members' children to a Christmas party on Monday, December 30. Mrs. Wainer and Mrs. I. J. Young being appointed to make arrangements.

The secretary reported having mailed Christmas cards to ex-members and sick members.

The directors of 1929 were appointed as conveners for the next card party, to be held on Saturday evening, December 28, when prizes will be presented to the lady and gentlemen gaining the highest number of points in the series. A pleasing ceremony took

place when Mrs. Lawrie, on behalf of the members presented Mrs. H. Sherring with a pyrex pie plate and silver stand in honor of her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The regular fortnightly card party of the Mount Newton Social Club was held on Wednesday evening at the Club Hall. Eight tables were engaged in play. Prizewinners were: First, Miss B. Hagan and H. C. Clow, R. J. Freeland and C. Gosselin, second, Mrs. Hydes and F. Mitchell, R. Hall and A. Lacoussiere. The next card party will be held on Monday, December 30, instead of Wednesday, January 1, and will be the last game of the first winter series.

## Brentwood

Closing exercises of the West Saanich School were held on Thursday afternoon and evening at the Institute Hall, Brentwood. A large number of parents and friends attended. A general rehearsal of the evening's programme was put on in the afternoon for the benefit of the younger children, after which a bounteous tea was served, followed by the distribution of gifts from the gaily decorated Christmas tree. The evening's concert proved very enjoyable. The efficiency of the pupils in the various roles allotted to them, reflected much credit on the teachers. Mr. Oswald and Miss Watkins. The programme was as follows:

"Holy Night," choir; "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," choir; recitation, Lorna Thomson; recitation, Edward Creed and Jimmy Watt; play-

ette, "A Morning in Court Longpre," "Cradle Song and Shepherdess," choir; recitation, Gordon Ballantyne; dance gymnastics, Joyce Andrews; fantasy, Mr. Oswald and three pupils; "Radio Land," Passing By, and "Going Home," choir, God Save The King.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

For failing to stop behind a standing vehicle, George Patton, "The Joker," was fined \$10 in City Police Court this morning.

The thanks of The Times editorial staff are extended to Chief of Police John Fry for a Christmas gift of cigars.

The Times staff extends its hearty thanks to George Patton, "The Joker," for his generous gift of cigars and cigarettes.

The Times editorial staff were grateful recipients to-day of cigars and chocolates, the gift of Alderman John Worthington.

The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Express Offices will be open this evening for the convenience of their customers until 9 o'clock.

A. J. Henman, charged with vagrancy, pleaded guilty in City Police Court this morning and was remanded until Thursday for sentence.

The following numbers won turkeys in the Moosemen Legion Christmas cheer: 344, 345, 195, 910, 485, 335, 225, 462, 800 and 774. Winners are asked to call at 2039 Prior Street.

On a charge of retaining stolen goods in her possession, Mrs. May Heller appeared before Magistrate George Jay in City Police Court this morning. He was remanded till Thursday on his request for an opportunity to secure counsel. Bail was set at \$200.

A. E. Humphries of Humphries Motors received a warm welcome at the Kiwanis Club luncheon to-day. The meeting was the first which Mr. Humphries had attended since his recent illness.

Charged with using a forged cheque as if it were genuine, Stanley Walker appeared before Magistrate George Jay in City Police Court this morning. He was remanded till Thursday on his request for an opportunity to secure counsel. Bail was set at \$200.

Owing to the early commencement in the building of the Bishop Cridge Memorial, the prayer meeting of the Shantymen's Christian Association will meet in the Y.M.C.A. until further notice. The change will take effect commencing Thursday next. The meeting will be held from 12 to 1.

A very beautiful display of colored photographs showing the late Hon. Walter G. Nichol's country residence, "Miraloma," is being displayed over Christmas in the windows of the Royal Trust Company's office. The photographs are by Maves, and the display has been arranged by Boyd MacGill.

T. G. Carter, who has been headmaster of the Central School at Trail, has been named inspector of schools for a new district recently created in the interior of the Province. Other changes in a number of school districts will be made shortly, it is expected.

The Children's Aid Society acknowledges with very grateful thanks the receipt of \$50 received through L. O. Gray, secretary of the Parkville Tennis Club, for the purchase of Christmas cheer for the kiddies, and of two pairs of stockings and a pair of boots for each little inmate from Capt. I. C. Harris and his friends.

Novelty calendars issued by the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau for 1930 were released this morning. On a wooden framework which depicts the Parliament Buildings, a street scene in Victoria and totem poles is a colored photograph of Victoria Harbor showing one of the palatial Princess steamers in the background.

Approximately seventy inquiries have been received by the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau this month from intending settlers in Victoria and district, it was stated at the bureau this morning. Most of the communications have come from the prairies and an active campaign to induce the people to settle here will be followed.

## MILK SHIPPERS

Of Vancouver Island

After numerous requests I have arranged a Meeting on Friday, December 27 at 1 p.m. at Temple Hall, 842 North Park Street.

**E. RAPER**

Ex-president Vancouver Island Producers' Association.

## CONCERT GIVEN BY SCOTS WAS GREAT SUCCESS

The band concert given by the Sixteenth Canadian Scottish Regiment at the Shrine Auditorium on Sunday evening attracted a large audience, despite the weather.

The band numbers were well received, rendition of "The Desert Song" being accorded rounds of applause. "Reminiscences of Balfie," arranged by Godfrey, provided opportunity for all the soloists in the band to show their artistry.

The piccolo solo by handman Jones was encored. "A Day With the Birds" being given in response. Kestley's new number "A Sacred Home" was a splendid addition to the programme, the band sounding like a cathedral organ at times.

Mrs. Charles Wilson rendered a number of vocal solos during the evening, and was compelled to render many encore numbers. Mrs. Clifford Warr accompanied.

## \$5,275 COLLECTED BY KIWANIS CLUB

The sum of \$5,275 has been collected by the Victoria Kiwanis Club through its Christmas Seal drive, it was announced by President Brooks Stevenson at the club's luncheon in the Empress Hotel to-day.

In making the announcement, the president voiced the appreciation of the club in general for the work conducted by the collection committee.

## ONE YEAR SENTENCE FOR THEFT

David Scotcher to Serve Term For Stealing Automobile in City

Sentence of one year's imprisonment was imposed in City Police Court this morning on David Scotcher, found guilty on a charge of stealing an automobile. A similar term to run concurrently was passed on him by Magistrate George Jay.

The magistrate had previously intimated he might give Scotcher, who only nineteen years of age, suspended sentence, but under the statute it was necessary that consent of crown counsel be obtained for this action. Following a conference between City Prosecutor C. L. Harrison and the Attorney-General's Department, this consent was refused.

Scotcher was arrested by Constable John Blackstock in Beacon Hill Park when attempting to escape in the car he was alleged to have stolen. Owing to a patch of ice the wheels of the car hit the curb and the car was overturned and the driver was apprehended by the officer.

## NO TIMES TO-MORROW

Christmas Day will be observed by The Times staff as a holiday. There will be no issue of the paper to-morrow.

## LATE SERVICE BY STREET CAR LINES

Street car schedules for Christmas Day will be as follows: During the morning hours cars will operate under the usual Sunday time schedule. In the evening the last cars for all points will leave at the usual week night hour.

## OBITUARY

The funeral of Walter Francis Haswell, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. W. Haswell, of 3441 Cranberry Road, took place this morning from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 9 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Rev. Father Evans conducted the services at 9 o'clock. Interment was made at Rose Bay Cemetery, with the following acting as pallbearers: James F. Grant, Arthur Bellis, Cormack Collins and E. Roberts.

Funeral services were held at the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock to-day over the remains of Richard Herbert Dodgson, who passed away on Saturday, aged twenty-three years. Interment was made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

Funeral services over the late Harry Ashton Hertherington will be held from the Sands Funeral Chapel on Thursday at 3 o'clock. Rev. H. Connell officiating. Interment will be at Colwood Cemetery.

Frank Vinal, of 118 Cook Street passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday. He was born in Ditchling Tarrace, England, and is survived by his widow, home, two sons, Francis H. of Tacoma and Herbert of this city; also a daughter, Mrs. Tom Long of Tacoma; also one grandchild. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Adjutant Merritt will officiate. The remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon over the late Gordon Downes, former principal of the Oak Bay High School. The cortege left the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1:30 o'clock for St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, where Rev. Canon A. de L. Nunn officiated, assisted by Rev. Robert Connell, in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing friends. Hymns sung were "Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." There was a profusion of flowers. The pallbearers were Captain F. G. Dexter, Colonel Angus, Arthur Giesse, Mr. Whittemore, Rev. W. Morgan and L. Richardson.

William Henry Bourne passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital last December 21, aged fifty-six years. He was born in Bloomsbury, London, England. The remains are resting at the B.C. Funeral Chapel pending funeral arrangements which will be announced later.

The funeral of the late William Russell will take place at 11 o'clock Friday from the residence on North Dairy Road with Rev. Dr. W. J. Wilson officiating. Interment will be made in Rose Bay Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Hayward's B.C. Funeral Company.

The funeral of the late William Howell, who passed away in this city December 20, was held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home. There were many sympathetic friends present, and beautiful floral tributes were received, testifying to the high esteem in which the late Mr. Howell was held.

Rev. Canon A. de L. Nunn officiated during which the hymn "Abide With Me" was sung. Mrs. A. Dowell rendered as a solo "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: J. M. Gibson, John Craig, B. A. Howell, I. L. Erb, A. C. Williams and A. Craig. Interment was made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

Right, Bat Wrong. Maud—What's a monologue, daddy? Father—A conversation between husband and wife, my dear. Maud—I thought that was a dialogue. Father—No; a dialogue is where two persons are speaking.

Some Americans were standing in front of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, a fellow-countryman drove up and stood near them—apparently drinking in the majesty of the cathedral's beauty.

Suddenly she turned to one of the group. "What do you suppose that church weighs?" she asked.

## PROBATES GRANTED

Probates and administrations issued out of the Supreme Court this week include the following estates:

Alfred St. George Hamersley of England, British Columbia estate, deceased, \$2,019; total estate, \$30,534.

Fanny Lamborn, late of Saanich, died in Victoria November 30, 1929, \$7,700.

Mary Chamber Mitchell, late of Victoria, died August 31, 1929, \$3,123.

Edward King, late of Victoria, died May, 1927, \$1,259.

Henry Hood, late of Victoria, died November 29, 1929, \$6,517.

Henry Mitchell, late of Victoria, died June 2, 1929, \$4,608.

Mary Edgely Cliff, late of Victoria, died October 6, 1929, \$6,654.

William Neal, late of Victoria, died November 24, 1929, \$6,075.

John Hepburn, late of Fulford Harbor, died in Victoria November 15, 1929, \$2,909.

Low Chun, late of Victoria, died November 14, 1929, \$9,254.

J. H. Dawson, late of New Denver, died in Nelson, British Columbia, October 28, 1928, \$2,500.

## YOUTH COUNTRY'S GREATEST ASSET, SAYS BRUCE GREY

Expresses Confidence in Boys at Special Kiwanis Club Luncheon To-day

Young Y.M.C.A. Members Sponsored By Club Guests at Meeting

Confidence in the youth of the nation and high appreciation of the club's work in promoting boys' work in Victoria were expressed by Rev. Bruce Grey in his address on "Canada's Greatest Asset—The Boys," during the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empress Hotel to-day.

At the function the clubmen entertained twenty of the boys' group they have sponsored in the Y.M.C.A.

Youth was the motive power of the nation. It was its chief asset because of its limitless possibilities and unspoiled powers and youth was the period of invention when young men were ready to attempt almost the impossible, Mr. Grey stated.

Opening his address with a reference to the child's place in Christmas festivities, the speaker stated that even the most cynical reversed childhood at this period.

Nothing was more encouraging than the trend toward the study of child life in the university, church, Boy Scouts, and various organizations of the Boys' Parliament.

LAUDS KIWANIS He referred to the Kiwanis policy of promoting work among boys, and dealt with the co-operation of the local body and the Y.M.C.A.

"The Y.M.C.A. has an acknowledged place in national and international life," Rev. Mr. Grey pointed out. "Its future depended upon the leader's ability to capture the imagination of its youth."

Following some remarks on the activities of the Y.M.C.A. Rev. Mr. Grey continued. "The boy needs expression, not repression. Give him something to do to satisfy his repressed instincts."

Showing the value of correct training in boyhood, the speaker referred to the work of young men during the war. There, he said, their energy, enthusiasm and resourcefulness inspired hope in the older men.

CARRY ON IN WORLD AFFAIRS In world affairs, these men who had gone to the front with him, were carrying on their work. He spoke of three examples, one of a member of the Canadian Legion to Japan, another of a man now serving in the labor department of the League of Nations, and a third, who is aiding the cause of peace as president of the League of Nations Society in Toronto.

Unspoiled powers, based upon bodily energy and will, active and strong, ready to be blended with heroic and unselfish purposes, were some of the bases of youth's successes.

Boys, Rev. Mr. Grey referred to as the age in which the individual was most prone to forming habits. It was a time when the person was most susceptible to good impressions.

YOUTH'S ASSETS Showing the value of the adventurous spirit in youth, the speaker noted the fact that almost every beneficial, unselfish movement had been for-

## SECOND CONCERT OF FESTIVAL ON THIS EVENING

Indian Nativity Play, Alfred Heather, B.C. Morris Dancers and Elizabethan Quartette

Alfred Heather, English tenor, who made such an impression with his rollicking songs at the opening of the Yuletide Festival last night, will again be featured in the second concert to be held in the Crystal ballroom of the Empress Hotel to-night.

The Indian nativity play by Capt. Alexander Ramsey, with music by Dr. Healey Willan, will be the stage presentation.

The B. C. Morris Dancers will present a new series of dances and the Elizabethan Quartette will offer another feast in Christmas music.

Incorporated in the music of the Indian nativity play are several Indian melodies, one of which is a lullaby sung by "Moon Flower," collected by Dr. Desmond Jenness, the explorer, who went to the Arctic from Victoria with Vilhjalmur Stefansson; also an interesting Huron Indian carol, "Jesous Ahatonhia," originally an old French carol of 1642 and translated by Father Brebeuf.

The carol has become so characteristically Indian that it has been mistaken for a native melody by several composers, one of which created a symphonic poem from the carol.

The Indian nativity play will be produced by Major L. Bullock-Webster and the stage scenery is by James Crockett of Montreal.

THE CAST The cast will be as follows: Father du Chene, a missionary priest, Herbert Hewetson; Chief Red Eagle, George H. Hallett; Chief Red Eagle's squaw, Gladys Sheppard; Indians and squaws, Ethel Bale, Ellen Macpherson, Betty Jennings, Margaret Whyte and Johnny Cox; Indian children, Ted Coton, Lionel Cox and Cleely Cooy; Shouting River, an Indian chief, Hugh Allan; Morning Flame, his squaw, Muriel Thompson; Storm of the Sea, Iroquois chief, P. Edmund Corby; Fire Upon the Plains, Blackfoot chief, Mr. Appleby; Voice of the Mountains, Yellow Knives chief, Arthur Long; Night Wind, a wandering Indian, Stephen Langton; Moon Flower, his squaw, Mary Frances James; an angel, Stephen Langton; Indian boys, Ronald Hotham and W. K. Earle; hunters, I. Marston, H. T. Eldridge and Ronald Semmes; warriors, Ronald Hotham, W. K. Earle and D'Arcy Bale.

Christmas Snowdrops Now in Flower Here

While prairie vegetation lies dormant under a blanket of snow, in Victoria Christmas snowdrops are blooming. Half a dozen blooms are already in flower in the garden belonging to J. H. Baylis, 1433 Bedford street, and well over a dozen are in bud.

"RAGS" WILSON HAS MUSHED ON HIS LAST TRAIL

Death of Man Widely Known Throughout Northern Canada Is Mourned

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Another member of the northern brotherhood has mused over his last trail. "Rags" Wilson is dead.

To members of that exclusive band of pioneers who have explored Canada's Arctic hinterland it means the passing of a pal.

Wilson was found dead in his cabin on the north shore of Great Bear Lake on November 29, and the body was to be interred at Fort Norman to-day. Death was due to heart failure.

None felt his loss more than Col. J. K. "Jim" Cornwall, now in Vancouver on a brief holiday from his work for-

warded by the work of young men and women.

In conclusion he commended the club for its laudable interest in the boys of this city and completed his address with the words:

"Let us guard and safeguard with vigilance and constancy the wonderful possession of the boyhood of our land."

ARTILLERISTS GIVE FINE CONCERT



THE B.C. COAST BRIGADE CANADIAN ARTILLERY BAND. Back row, left to right: Lashman Kenyon, Jones, Lashman, Young, Stafford, Tucker, White, H. Sabiston, Dyson. Centre row: Band Sergeant D. Townsend, Bandmen Buckle, Martin, Bennett, Mossop, Reynolds, Smith, Hallett, Hayward, Crabbe.

Front row: Bandman Fry, Smith, A. Townsend, Ball, Bandmaster C. A. Raine, Major Stern, Sergeant Rudge, Bandmen E. Townsend, A. Sabiston, Stearns, Chappell.

The Fifth B.C. Coast Brigade Canadian Artillery Band, under the able direction of Bandmaster C. A. Raine, gave their first winter season concert in the Coliseum Theatre, Government Street, on Sunday evening, to aid poor and needy families of Victoria.

The band, under Bandmaster C. A. Raine, has won many honors during the last three years, having won first prizes in Victoria, Vancouver and Friday Harbor, and four second prizes at the Vancouver and Bellingham contests.

## Wishing Our Many Friends



A Merry Christmas and All Happiness in the Coming Year

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## From "What's in This Christmas Day?"

(John Vance Cheney)

WHAT'S in this Christmas Day? Let Time's hoary warders say. The Saxon grim— There's some of him; The Druid's hand is here, The Greek and Roman cheer: From East and West Is gathered of the best, From the new and from the old— All the glorious day will hold. From whitest sands to lichen rock The doors of Hope unlock, The gates of Peace swing wide, At coming of bright Christmastide.

Nor time nor space shall dare divide, Nor race nor faith, nor aught beside, Children of men at Christmastide!

Let help who can That bears the name of man, Help in his chosen way To keep this festive day. But over other glories all, Shining high and far, Lo, the stopt, regardful star Above the cradle in the stall! Where the angels met together With shepherds in the shining weather— There's the fountain of this song, Song of ages, sweet and strong; Thence the deathless voice That bids the world rejoice.

The Dominion Explorers Limited in the with me in the Canadian Railway, Barren Lands.

SERVED IN WAR "Rags" and "Jim" had been pals in the north for years. They were pals during the war, even though "Jim" was then the colonel and "Rags" a private. Col. Cornwall was informed of Wilson's death this morning.

"One of my oldest friends in the north," said Col. Cornwall. "He was one of the best dog drivers in the country and knew every inch of the territory from McMurray to Aklavik. Rags was opening up some new territory for the Northern Trading Company on Great Bear Lake. He had set up a post at Good Hope Bay on that lake I had a letter from him less than a week ago."

TRAVELED BY PLANE "He was just as good a soldier as he was a trader. During the war he served



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## TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS

(By Branson, Brown & Co. Limited)

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Wheat: Opened widely higher this morning with prices in the first few minutes showing gains of over six cents from the close last night. The sensational Argentine Government report, the 4 cents upturn in Liverpool and a big export business worked overnight and again this morning were factors. Shorts were covering, sellers of offers were good buyers and there was good buying coming through commission houses while exporters were also in the market.

Offerings were scarce except on the extreme bulge when there was some profit taking by long. Everything in cash wheat offered abroad overnight was accepted and it cost the shippers from 4 to 5 cents to get their hedges in. Locally there was very little doing in cash wheat, buyers being not even anxious for the odd cars that were coming out on account of the upturn in futures.

Offerings were extremely light. Millers still report a very slow flour business. There is now every indication that Europe will be forced to come to North America for needed supplies and that in a broader way, as nowhere else, will there be any large supplies available.

Favor purchases of wheat at almost any level.

Coarser grains: These markets were all stronger and higher but did not fully respond to the strength in wheat. There was a good inquiry from foreign buyers for low grade oats and barley but the trade was small as the wanted grades are not available.

Flax: This market was sharply higher based on the Argentine crop news, but trade was small outside of some speculative buying.

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## WHITNEY LETTER

(By Branson, Brown & Co. Limited)

New York, Dec. 24.—Whitney of Wall Street says to-day:

"GOING UP—STARTING TO-DAY"

The market by its own action has finally given us the technical evidence which we have been waiting for, that in declining in the industrial averages to 230 and stabilizing there, the reaction would be brought to a close and the next worthwhile movement would be upward. This technical evidence was supplied in yesterday's market at just the point which as far back as Thursday of last week we pointed out would be the spot at which the bottom of this reaction would normally be established, and would bring the turning movement this week.

"Now that we have had the technical evidence which spells the beginning of the upward movement, there is no procedure to follow other than the one to take our selling orders which are moderately above the market and to buy stocks this morning, provided they do not open too much above yesterday's closing, or to buy that at approximately yesterday's closing prices on any minor selling movement which follows a too high opening.

"The selling, which has been a considerable weight on the market for the past ten days is largely completed since there remain only five more trading sessions in which tax losses can be registered in the regular way. Bear in mind that, intrinsically, hundreds of stocks are cheap and have been cheap even at prices substantially above these levels, and it is largely a combination of technical and psychological conditions plus plenty of short selling which has made them a little cheaper than cheap.

COMMENT

"Short selling has been fairly well concentrated particularly in the last few market sessions, and it is in those issues where the outstanding short interest is already relatively small, that the sharpest and the first forward tendencies will be clearly demonstrated. In particular those overvalued issues are U.S. Steel, American and foreign power, international telephone and telegraph, Columbia Graphophone, Houston Oil, General Electric, DuPont and American Can, and it is considered these stocks are a purchase in the order named."

"Would direct attention to two sugar stocks which are at their low of the year, selling to yield around ten per cent, largely as a result of a prospective advance in the import duty on raw sugar. These are Great Western Sugar and South Porto Rican Sugar, both exceptionally strong financially, more than earning the dividend paid, and direct beneficiaries of any increase in the sugar tariff."

"With the tone of the general market permitting the reflection of intrinsic worth, again recommend Atlantic Gulf, Hershey, General Asphalt and in the rails Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, New York, Ontario and Northwestern, Canadian Pacific and Western Pacific preferred."

## CLOSE EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Both the Toronto Exchange and the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange held abbreviated sessions to-day owing to the proximity of Christmas Day. Trading opened at the regular hour and will close at 1 o'clock.

Business will resume at customary hours, Thursday.

FIVE WORKERS LOSE LIVES

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 24.—Five workmen cleaning a high smokestack at the La Lima Sugar Company's factory near San Pedro fell yesterday and were killed.

## Season's Greetings

To our many clients and friends we extend our cordial Season's Greetings. May your Christmas be a right Happy and Merry one, and may the forthcoming New Year bring to you health, wealth and prosperity.

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## Sonora Products Passes to Receiver

New York, Dec. 24.—A petition for the appointment of an equity receiver for the Sonora Products Company of America, controlling the Sonora Phonograph Company Ltd., the Sonora Corporation of Canada Ltd., among other concerns, was filed to-day with Federal District Court. The petition creditor was the Arrow Hart and Hegeman Electric Corporation of Hartford, Conn.

The Hartford concern filed a claim of \$3,000.

The petition said the Sonora Products Company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of sound production machines for talking pictures and owns ninety-three per cent. of the common stock of the Sonora Phonograph Company Inc., and also a large percentage of the stock of Sonora Corporation of Canada Ltd.

Robert J. Blum and Hubert I. Trachman, attorneys for the petitioning creditor, said that a similar petition is being filed in the court of chancery in Delaware to-day.

"The financial condition of the company," the petition charged, "has been seriously and adversely affected and impaired by the recent and current business recession, which has caused a substantial depreciation in inventories of all businesses, especially those businesses supplying articles known as luxuries."

The petition said the Sonora Products Company of America was incorporated in Delaware in 1927 as the Acoustic Products Company, later taking the present name. In September, 1928, the common stock sold at \$15 a share.

A consolidated balance sheet issued by the company as of June 29, 1929, according to the petition, listed current inventories at \$2,042,127. It carried as assets at a book value of \$2,571,588 its patents, copyrights and goodwill.

Judge Cose was requested to sign an order requiring the Sonora Products Company of America to show cause, on a date to be set by the court, why a receiver should not be appointed.

The petition charged the Sonora Phonograph Company Inc. had exercised its stock ownership in the Pennsylvania Phonograph Distributing Company, Sonora Phonograph Ohio Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and Sonora Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Stockholm Bank Cuts Discount Rate

Stockholm, Dec. 24.—The Riksbank to-day announced that the discount rate would be reduced by one half per cent to four and a half per cent as from February 1, 1930. It was lowered the same amount on December 12.

Cardinals Greet Pope On Christmas Eve

Vatican City, Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve in Vatican City was marked by the annual visit of all the cardinals of the curia to Pope Pius to wish him the season's greetings and to hear his reply enumerating the joys and sorrows of the year drawing to a close.

The brief but touching ceremony this year took on added importance, since by reason of the Lateran Treaty concluded last February the Pope is now an independent sovereign, secure in his sway over the Vatican City state. But there was no change in the ceremonial observed during all the years of self-imposed captivity from 1870 to 1929.

The Pope began Christmas week by issuing an encyclical recounting the many reasons why his jubilee year had been crowned with joy and consolation. One of them was the solution of the Roman question, which had been received joyfully throughout the world, especially in Italy.

## NEW SUPERVISOR

who has been appointed a supervisor of agencies by the North American Life Assurance Company. He has been connected with the company since 1919. Until this appointment he was branch manager of the company's Ottawa office.

E. H. HANLEY

N. Y. Market Gossip

(By Branson, Brown & Co. Limited)

New York, Dec. 24.—Rail equipment buying in 1930 will be fully as good as 1929. Effects of stock market crash are expected to be offset by Washington conference. Makers are in better position than perhaps any other industry. Authorities believe that roads will not take unusual demand but will go through with programs as originally planned. Two months ago a survey of possible freight car purchases indicated around 50,000 cars would be ordered before the end of the first quarter of 1930. A good volume of this business already has materialized, much of the business will be in the first quarter, and builders should have about thirty-five or forty thousand cars to figure on in their period. Van Sweringen roads are said to be ready to enter market shortly for about 13,000 cars and another system may come out with an inquiry for 10,000. Illinois Central may inquire for 5,000 or 6,000 cars soon. Estimates made earlier this year that freight car purchases would total 100,000 cars or more in 1929 already have been fulfilled. Locomotive builders report similar evidence of the large purchasing, and anticipate receipt of several pending orders in next few months. They have a total of 1,000 locomotives ordered in the current year and several builders maintain that total domestic and export orders in 1930 should be at least as good as 1929. Freight car buying in 1929 will be the largest since 1924 and locomotive buying largest since 1926.

Programme for continuation of curtailment of crude oil production in Oklahoma for first three months of 1930 has been submitted to the Federal Oil Commission for decision to-day.

Dr. Rudolph Hildebrand, German Minister of Finance, resigns.

In the referendum vote held yesterday on the plan to defeat the Young Plan, opponents of the plan met crushing defeat, getting only one-quarter of the votes required to enact the bill.

Hahn Department Stores has sold Webster Corporation, Columbus, Ohio, to Fellow Department Stores. Corporation sale reduces Hahn units to twenty-eight.

American Railway executives are expected to meet, possibly in New York, on the 26th of January to consider the all inclusive plan offered yesterday by the Interstate Commission for consolidation of tie nations railroads into nineteen regional systems. This was indicated in a statement in a circular familiar with the railroad viewpoint on the plan. The meeting of railway executives, it is said, will seek to iron out minor difficulties in the consolidation, leaving more difficult major problems to conferences in Washington later between representatives of the various roads and the commission. Such conferences might take many months. A clause of the plan by those familiar with the long and arduous stages terminated with commission's announcement, reveals that there are many incongruities in its proposals and the assumption generally that the proposed consolidation of more than 1,000 railway lines, large and small, is not mandatory on the part of the roads. An almost endless series of conflicts is forecast. Once the problem again comes before the Commissioners for revision.

Cudahy Packing Company earned \$4.13 a share on 47.74 common shares in year ended November 2, against \$4.62 a share on 424,990 shares in 1928.

Canadian November wheat exports 22,444,800 bushels, 75,416,597 in November 1928.

Associated Gas & Electric declared quarterly dividend of 50 cents or one-fortieth a share on class "A".

Prevailing price on newspaper will be maintained for first six months of 1930 by International Paper Sales Company.

Fishers gained 92.8 in week ended December 20, against 92.6 in preceding week.

Gift of 10 per cent. of common stock of Grape Juice Company presented to employees by the four sons of Dr. C. E. Welch, founder, in the memory of their father.

Retail sales at department stores continued in larger volume than a year ago, but industrial production declined in November for the fifth consecutive month, and was below the level of last year, according to a summary of general business level of last year.

Dunwell to Drill Again Next Spring

Vancouver, Dec. 24 (Mehar, Roe Service).—Diamond drilling the Dunwell started some time ago, had to be discontinued because of snow conditions. Results were not as satisfactory as expected. Drilling will be resumed in the spring, as an electrical survey showed good conditions. An effort will be made to operate the mill, using custom ore from small properties in the Bear River section of the Portland Canal district.

Sea water is brought specially from the Bay of Biscay for use in the aquarium at the London Zoo because it is so very clear.

## ALL THE LATEST ON CALGARY OILS

Calgary, Dec. 24 (Mehar, Roe Service).—Stobie, Forlong to-day say: The oil stock market at Calgary during the past week was quiet, with a further declining in prices. Trading was high as was expected during the pre-Christmas season. Recession were due in the main to disappointment in Southwest Pete, a test for production having been made at the well and decision reached to deepen from 430 feet in the lime. The stock plunged more than 60 points and other South Turner Valley issues dropped in sympathy. Selling pressure, not being encountered because of indifference of buyers at this season, added to the weakness of the market. Continuation of quietness is expected, but the market is ready to move upward in the event of bullish field news.

The failure of Southwest Pete, to become a good producer was a big disappointment. Indications were considered most encouraging although little accurate prediction can be made while drilling with rotary equipment is proceeding. This is because of the heavy mud column which holds down the gas. The mud also seals off the walls of the hole, and many persons are of the opinion that the drilling method may have been the cause, in part at least, of this well failing to respond to efforts to obtain production. Conditions and recent events at Mayland No. 1 and Royalty No. 23 have been very similar and these wells are now deepening after a test for production.

Steady progress was maintained at most of the other Turner Valley wells during the past week.

Meridian has hooked in a second separator and hopes to exceed the present production of 100 barrels a day.

Sterling Pacific is over 140 feet in the lime with encouraging showings of gas.

Mercury No. 2 is drilling in the Dalhousie sands and No. 2 is standing cemented at the top of the same formation and awaiting release of drill rods from No. 3.

Commonwealth is drilling into the Dalhousie sands, at the same time straightening the hole, with plans to test for production.

East Crest No. 1 is over 110 feet in the lime.

Wellington has cemented casing in the top of the productive region.

A.P. Consolidated No. 1, at close to 5,100 feet is still holding 200 bbl. while No. 2 entered the Dalhousie sands at 4,331 feet during the week.

Home No. 4 started making new hole after setting casing in the limestone.

Dalhousie No. 7 is practically ready to resume after rigging a new derrick to replace that destroyed recently by fire. No. 1 which is cleaning to restore steady production has encountered an obstruction at 700 feet, which may be collapsed casing and which in any event is probably the prime cause for the well's erratic behavior.

Royalty No. 16 is making a production test and appears to have small production at about 1,240 feet in the lime.

British Dominion No. 5, drilling at 110 feet in the lime with gas. There has been an increase in gas pressure and the flow is now estimated at 4,000,000 cubic feet, making prospects particularly encouraging.

Spencer No. 3 was abandoned during the week because of unfavorable geological conditions, and announcement was made that No. 4 would be started as soon as possible just north of Vulcan No. 1.

Model drilled slowly but steadily in hard formation just above the Belemite shale shales, which continued favorable showings.

Turner Basin completed a fishing job and resumed drilling from 3,335 feet with hole in first class shape.

Other well added steady production in spite of the disagreeable weather conditions.

Commercial Credit To Finance Stewart

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Commercial Credit Company of Baltimore announced to-day the signing of exclusive contracts with the Stewart Motor Corporation of Buffalo and the Motor Wheel Corporation of Lansing, Michigan, for the wholesale and retail sale financing of the products of these manufacturers.

The contracts provide for a nationwide financing service by Commercial Credit Companies through their more than 450 branch and service offices in the United States.

Motor/Wheel Corporation does an annual volume in excess of \$50,000,000, and it is expected that these figures will be materially enhanced through deferred payment selling. Besides manufacturing automotive shop equipment, including wheel aligning tools, Motor/Wheel Corporation manufactures for the general public a variety of American automobile manufacturers.

CANADA CUTS MAIL RATE TO SOUTH AMERICA

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Christmas Day will mark the inauguration of a two-cent letter rate from Canada to all parts of South America. Announcement to this effect was made late yesterday afternoon by Hon. P. J. Veniot, Postmaster General. This letter rate already applies to all parts of North and Central America, and will now apply to the following countries: Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, the Guianas, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

In making the announcement Mr. Veniot expressed the opinion that the two-cent letter rate would result in considerable advantage to Canadian business. On this point, the Postmaster General commented on the great natural resources of South America, its present day development in transportation and its great trade expansion.

The South American countries, Mr. Veniot intimated, had been invited to reduce their letter rate to Canada and to make the arrangement reciprocal.

In addition, the Postmaster General declared, an agreement had been reached with the Argentine postal administration for the extension of the present post weight limit between Canada and Argentina from fifteen pounds to twenty pounds. Such an arrangement, Mr. Veniot said, would facilitate trade with Argentina as Canadian commercial houses would be able to ship in large quantities than had hitherto been possible.

## Wholesale Market

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Corn Beef ..... 15 to 16  
Veal ..... 15 to 16  
Hog ..... 15 to 16  
Lard ..... 15 to 16  
Lamb ..... 15 to 16  
New Zealand lamb, No. 1 ..... 15 to 16  
Lamb, No. 2 ..... 15 to 16  
Chicken ..... 15 to 16  
Turkey ..... 15 to 16  
Frozen Poultry, No. 1 ..... 15 to 16  
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Dressed Meat  
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Hams, No. 1 ..... 15 to 16  
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Pork ..... 15 to 16  
Fresh Extra, case lots, dozen ..... 15 to 16  
Fresh Firsts, case lots, dozen ..... 15 to 16  
Fresh Pullets, case lots, dozen ..... 15 to 16  
Fresh Alberta, prime ..... 15 to 16  
Salt Spring ..... 15 to 16  
Albera, carload, No. 1 ..... 15 to 16  
Albera, No. 2 ..... 15 to 16  
Solida, No. 1 ..... 15 to 16  
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New Zealand solid, finest, No. 1 ..... 15 to 16  
New Zealand solid, No. 2 ..... 15 to 16  
Ontario—Best ..... 15 to 16  
June, 1929 ..... 15 to 16  
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Navel Oranges, box ..... 15 to 16  
Grapefruit, Texas ..... 15 to 16  
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Florida Grapefruit, box ..... 15 to 16  
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**BACH ORATORIO  
TO BE FEATURED  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

For the first time in the history of radio Bach's great Christmas Oratorio will be broadcast when the Eveready radio presents this famous work on Wednesday, December 24, at 7:30 p.m. Eve, between 6.00 and 7.50 p.m. P.S.T.

Arthur Bodansky, distinguished American conductor, will direct this oratorio. He has assembled for the occasion a specially trained chorus of fifty singers and a symphonic orchestra participating in the oratorio. The chorus included one of the best New York choruses in the world, is that of the Society of the Friends of Music in Bach choir. Walter Wohlbe, chorus master of the society, has trained the group. Bodansky is also a member of the Society of the Friends of Music for nine years.

Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio, composed almost two centuries ago, is one of his most important works. The narrative is taken from the gospel of Matthew and Luke. It is presented in recitative by a singer representing the evangelist. The whole story of the birth of Christ is told in substance, and prevails in the first subject of Christmas. Familiar nativity hymns are used for many of the chorales. Bach is said to have given the manuscript for the oratorio to his fam-

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charge of the teachers, Miss Greig, Miss Dwyer, Miss Wollaston and Miss Dyke had Christmas trees decorated and laden with presents.

The two head teachers, V. G. Frith, principal, and Miss Pearmain, held an evening social for the pupils who spent a very jolly time playing games and solving contests. Contest winners were Lillian Porter and Tommy Ailester.

Refreshments were served, each pupil had contributed towards the feast.

The Oyster School also had an evening party when parents and friends were present.

The programme was as follows:—  
Opening chorus, "Christmas,"

## CBS Offers Special Christmas Program

The annual Christmas Sunday school at Calvary Baptist Church was held

Helen Kenyon, soprano. This will Miss Kenyon's initial radio appearance although she is well known to opera and the concert stage. Another vocalist, yet to be selected, will also be heard during this programme.

Those taking part were: Bobby Ross, Theda Clark, Audrey Blackwell, Billy Syme, John McLaughlin, Jimmy Burns, Jerry Fausch, Colin Melrose, Bobby Jackson, Hamish MacLennan, Violet Laidlaw, Ronald Shillite, Douglas Gill, Jack Eberly, Teddy Jensen, Doris Cook, Muriel Rose, William Leong, Margaret Evans, Kenneth McGladrey, Martin Stewart, Hester Stewart, Bubbles Healy, Rawdon Stewart, Leona Cruikshank, Edna Magnuson, Rosemary Stevenson, George Ralph, Margaret Galloway, Gill, Lawrence, Gerry, Kirsteen, Alan, Jimmy Adair, Patsy English, May Wilson, Annie Dodds, Jim Bailey, Gladys Brown, David Brown, Mary Brown, Tom Walker, Laidlaw, Laura Dodds, Muriel MacLennan, Vera Magnuson, Muriel MacLennan.

## Chemainus

At the close of the programme prizes were awarded, two specials being given to Lily Wyllie for playing the organ and Violet Wyllie for perfect attendance. Refreshments were served.

Among the smallest races in the world are the Bushmen, Laplanders, Malays and Burmese, and oddly enough these are all comparatively short-lived people.

—B, DW

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

HEY MOM!  
LET'S HAVE CHICKENS!  
MY GOSH, I JUST  
AINT GOT THE HEART  
TO CHOP POOR OLD  
ALI'S HEAD OFF—  
WE BEEN SUCH  
GOOD FRIENDS—  
ME, FEEDIN' HIM  
OUTTA MY HAND—

A cartoon illustration of a boy in a checkered shirt and hat, carrying a large chicken on his back, walking away from a dog. The boy is looking back over his shoulder with a worried expression. The dog is a large, spotted breed, possibly a Weimaraner, and is looking up at the boy. The scene is set outdoors with some foliage and a fence in the background. The drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style with cross-hatching for shading.



## Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

**Is a Man Better Off Married or Single?—Folly Of Encouraging a Grafting Brother—Shall This Lad Let His Sympathies Rush Him Into Marriage?**

DEAR MISS DIX:—I am a bachelor at the beginning of middle age and I do not see the advantages of marriage. In talking over marriage with the married men of my acquaintance they are not enthusiastic about it and nearly always advise me to remain single and say that I am better off as I am. Most of them seem to regret their marriage and say that if it were not for their children they would wish they were bachelors and that if they were single they would never marry again. What about it? BACHELOR.



ANSWER: That's it. Children are the real answer to your question, aren't they? If the men hadn't married they wouldn't have had the children, and children are what give the real meaning to life after we get middle-aged.

When we are young we are absorbed in ourselves, in our amusements, in our hopes and plans and ambitions, but when we get along in the forties and fifties we rather lose interest in ourselves. Most of our pleasure out of chasing around trying to divert ourselves. We no longer get have gone bloomy and we have come to realize that we will never achieve our ambitions. We have shot our bolt. What we were going to do we have done and it isn't so much to brag about. Our life story is a story we have read. Our cards are all on the table and our fortune has been told.

Then, unless we have children, life stretches before us pretty dull and uninteresting and with few thrills left in it, but if we have sons and daughters we live it over again in them and we believe, at least, that they are going to do all the things we did not do and make the success that we failed to make.

Furthermore, through some miracle of God, it is given to parents to get more pleasure out of their children's triumphs than they ever did out of their own. No woman is ever as vain of her own good looks as she is of her daughter's beauty. No man ever burst with pride over any achievement of his own as he does over his son making a touchdown in a football game or winning a speaker's medal at school or getting an advance in salary in business.

I know plenty of successful men and women who are as humble as possible about their own achievements and never have a word to say about anything they have done but they brag about their children until you flee from them in terror. So you see marriage pays because it has the consolation prize of children even if it fails to give you any other happiness.

Don't take it to heart that married men warn you against marriage. So would a banker warn you against going into the banking business or a doctor tell you never to take up medicine, or a grocer says there was no money in the grocery business, or a farmer tell you to leave farming alone unless you want to starve. Because each of us know all the drawbacks and the difficulties and the trials and the tribulations of our daily lives and we all feel that we picked out the hardest row to hoe and that the other fellow's must be easier.

The proof that married men don't mean what they say is to be found in the fact that when their wives die practically all of them remarry as soon as they can. Every community is full of widows, but widowers are as scarce as hen's teeth. Men don't cling to their new-found freedom. They hand it over to the first woman who will take it away from them.

Of course, marriage is no picnic. It is full of tacks, as is every other situation in life, but with all its drawbacks it gives men and women a companionship, it gives them a home, it gives them children, it gives them some one with whom they may scrap, but who, for all of that, love them and will stand by them in times of trouble.

And so, taking it all in all, Mr. Bachelor, I think the married men have the best of it. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX:—My husband and I are continually disagreeing over his helping a strong, healthy, twenty-five-year-old brother. We have to help support his parents and my parents, and I think that is enough, as we have a baby and are trying to buy a home and have a very limited income. My husband thinks it is his duty to pay this young man's debts, buy his girl Christmas presents, go on notes which he always has to pay and generally help him out of the trouble which he is continually getting into, but I can't see it this way. What do you think? MARRIED LIFE.

ANSWER: You are entirely in the right and your husband is utterly wrong. His duty is to his own family and he has no right to sacrifice you and the baby to his lazy good-for-nothing brother.

Moreover, he is doing the brother the greatest possible injury he can, because he is encouraging him in his shiftlessness, and this will soon harden into a habit of evading responsibility that will make him a ne'er-do-well as long as he lives.

It is not kindness to support any able-bodied, healthy young persons. If they are able to work they should be made to work, and the only way to make them work is to throw them out on their own and make them know that they either have to earn their own bread and butter or else go hungry.

It is the knowledge that some good soft sap of a brother or sister will always support them if they won't support themselves that makes thousands of men and women go through life human parasites, taking the very bread out of the mouths of little children, depriving old people of the comforts they should have, adding still further to the burdens of already overburdened men and women.

It is a curious kind of family pride and family loyalty that makes a man sacrifice his wife and his children as well as himself to some member of his own family, but it is often done. It seems to be a sort of weakness that prevents the man from having the courage to say "no" to his grafting brothers and sisters, but whatever the reason, the only remedy in your case is for you to try to get your hands on your husband's money first, and hang on to it so tightly there will be none left to borrow. DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX:—I am a boy eighteen years old. I have been going with the sweetest girl in the world for six months, but her father treats her cruelly. He beats her and she comes to me crying and she wants me to marry her. I told her that I thought it was best to wait until I got a job, but she insists on being married right away. I am no quitter, but I cannot see the future as happy because I am not working. A WORRIED LAD.

ANSWER: Don't marry her, my boy, until you have some way to make a living and support a family decently. Don't let your sympathies run away with you and cause you to do a thing that you will spend the balance of your life in regretting.

Wait until you are ready to marry. I say that for the girl as well as for you, because she would be jumping out of the frying pan into the fire if she married you under the present conditions. She, at least, has a home even if it is an unhappy one. She has a roof to cover her and three square meals a day and you couldn't even give her that. And even to be beaten with a rod is no worse than to be hungry.

Instead of marrying the girl call in the police. They will stop her father from chastising her. Don't marry any woman because you are sorry for her. And don't let any girl rush you into marriage. Many a girl cries on a man's shoulder until he marries her for pity and then he spends the balance of his life weeping himself over his folly. DOROTHY DIX. (Copyright by Public Ledger)

## Sister Mary's Kitchen

By SISTER MARY

Year after year Christmas customs and festivities remain the same. Most families don't favor any marked innovation in the festivities of the day and consider the Christmas dinner not quite what it should be if the cook fails to provide the traditional dishes. In many homes, Christmas breakfast is an important meal. When the stockings hung over the foot of the bed or fireplace are quite small, breakfast may be quite small, too. It is of course the breakfast hour that determines the dinner hour. Breakfast any time until 8 o'clock means a fairly hearty meal, but it should be simple and easily prepared. Fruit, prepared the day before, toast,

made at the table and a simple main dish are all that is necessary. Lighted candles will add a Christmas touch that children will love and tend to help this first meal disappear without constant urging.

Careful planning on the part of the housewife will simplify the preparation of her Christmas dinner so that she may enjoy her own gifts and guests without over-work and worry. She will begin several days before Christmas to take stock of her staple supplies and be sure that all table appointments are ready for use.

USE THE DAYS BEFORE All the foods that can be prepared, one or more days ahead of time should be taken care of. Plum pudding is better if made quite a while before using and stored in a closely covered crock or tin box until wanted. On Christ-

mas Day it can be returned to its mold and steamed one hour before serving. The pudding sauce can be made at least in part the day before and combined with whipped cream for serving. The food chosen can be cleared and stuffed and trusted all ready for the oven the day before Christmas. The salad dressing can be made one or two days before wanted and kept undisturbed in a cold place. The celery can

be crisped and wrapped in a damp towel until wanted. The lettuce can be washed and crisped and kept in an air-tight container until wanted. Concomme or bean-soup should be made and clarified all ready for reheating one or two days before. A cream soup can be made ready for combining the day before. All this planning produces a schedule that will reduce the amount of

work left to be done on Christmas Day to a minimum. SOUP IS DESIRABLE The woman who has no maid will hesitate to serve an elaborate, many-course dinner, but if children are present it is best to start the meal with a clear soup. The hot soup steadies small nerves and is an aid to digestion. The following menu for a Christmas

dinner can be elaborated or simplified to suit individual needs: Tomato Bullion Celery Radishes Olives Roast Goose with Onion Stuffing Giblet Gravy Apple and Cranberry Jelly Mashed Potatoes Moulded Spinach Christmas Salad Toasted Crackers Plum Pudding Golden Sauce Nuts Fruit

Put cranberries in kettle with cold water to cover. Bring to the boiling point and simmer five minutes. For one quart of berries, add three cups of sugar and two cups of apples cooked and rubbed through a sieve. Cook five minutes longer and turn into mold. The berries will remain whole. Garnish the spinach mold with tiny Christmas trees cut from canned pimento.

The juice from canned red raspberries is combined with gelatine for the Christmas salad. Tiny balls of cream cheese to which finely chopped nuts have been added are arranged in individual molds. When the jelly begins to set, it is turned into the molds and they are put in the refrigerator to chill and become firm. Serve on a bed of lettuce with mayonnaise. (Copyright, 1929)

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES—Merry Christmas!



## ELLA CINDERS—Minor Changes



## BRINGING UP FATHER—



## MUTT AND JEFF—A Santa Crowned Jeff With Twelve Ounce Mittens



## THE GUMPS—Uncle Bim at Bat





